

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
Department of Family Administration
Administrative Office of the Courts

Domestic Violence Workshops

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Travel Requests Due: Ongoing

Funding Period: September 1, 2010 – August 31, 2014

General Information

Improving the courts' response to domestic violence is an ongoing effort of the Administrative Office of the Courts. The Department of Family Administration has been awarded federal funding from the Office of Violence Against Women (under OVW 2010-WC-AX-0003) to increase the number of judges who have the ability to identify and resolve issues that arise in court cases involving domestic violence, especially against women and children, and who can exercise leadership to end and prevent violence against women and children in Maryland communities. This funding was granted under the authority of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005), codified at 42 U.S.C. § 14043 et seq.

The Department of Family Administration (DFA) at the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is requesting applications from District and Circuit Court Judges interested in attending the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence conferences hosted by the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence. Subject to the availability of funds, The Department of Family Administration will provide funding for those Judges interested in enhancing their skills in handling domestic violence cases to attend the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence (NJIDV) workshops.

Eligibility

Eligible participants include Judges in District and Circuit Court within the state of Maryland interested in increasing their ability to identify and resolve issues that arise in court cases involving domestic violence, especially against women and children; and who can exercise leadership to end and prevent violence against women and children in Maryland communities.

Funding Period

Funding is available for attendance at NJIDV workshops that occur between September 1, 2010 and August 31, 2014.

Conference Information

Applicants may request to participate in any NJIDV domestic violence skills enhancement workshops available during the funding period. These workshops can be found at www.njidv.org under the "program application" tab. The workshops currently scheduled are listed below.

Continuing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases (CJS) Program

NOTE: In order to attend the CJS Program, you must have attended the EJS Workshop or a similar intensive workshop.

June 13-15, 2013 - Continuing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases Program (Minnetonka, MN)

Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases (EJS) Workshop

September 29-October 2, 2013 - Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases Workshop (Atlanta, GA)

December 8-11, 2013 - Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases Workshop (Santa Fe, NM)

Applicable Guidelines

As funding for these awards is being provided by the federal Department of Justice through the Office of Violence Against Women, all participants are subject to all applicable federal laws, regulations and policies governing the use of federal funds. Any expenditure made in violation of these requirements is subject to disallowance.

All participants must also comply with the Judiciary Travel Policy. That policy is posted on the Department of Family Administration's Grant's page at: <http://mdcourts.gov/family/grantadmin.html>. Additional travel information, including expense forms, can be found at <http://courtnet/aochq/adminserv/index.html>. Location-specific travel information will be included in each participant's award letter.

All participants must confirm that they are available to attend the entire workshop as attendance at all sessions is **mandatory**.

Application

Interested Judges should send an email specifying the workshop they are interested in attending to the Department of Family Administration's Domestic Violence Manager, David Shultie, at David.Shultie@mdcourts.gov.

Applicants must request permission from their Administrative Judge before traveling out of state. Written permission must be forwarded to David Shultie at David.Shultie@mdcourts.gov. Prior to traveling out of state, all judges must also receive the approval of Chief Judge Robert M. Bell. Once the Department of Family Administration receives each Judge's permission from their court administrator, final permission will be requested from Chief Judge Bell.

Submission: Judges may send emails requesting enrollment in workshops at any time during the funding period. However, the Administrative Office of the Courts cannot guarantee the availability of space at the workshops or the authorization of out of state

travel by the Chief Judge. Interested judges are encouraged to submit their requests well in advance of the scheduled workshop they wish to attend.

Requests should be submitted by Email to: David.Shultie@mdcourts.gov

Technical Assistance

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact David Shultie at 410-260-1726 or at David.Shultie@mdcourts.gov.