

## Training for Child Welfare Professionals and Band Representatives

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Hensel Barristers' training for Child Welfare Professionals and Band Representatives will provide participants with the skills and knowledge they need to work alongside the Children's Aid Society ("CAS") or an Aboriginal delegated agency, and participate fully in child welfare legal proceedings. The training will cover the basic skills and knowledge needed for band representatives to actively participate and advocate on behalf of the First Nations' interests under the *Child and Family Services Act* ("CFSA"). As part of the training, participants will also be provided with a package of materials and suggested further resources to support them in their role.

### The training session will cover:

- The history of Aboriginal child welfare and it's relevance to child welfare today
- The CFSA, including those provisions specific to Aboriginal children
- Court procedure and filing protocols, including important time limits under the CFSA
- File Maintenance – the Continuing Record and keeping track of important documents
- Drafting documents for court proceedings, including Answers and Plans of Care and Affidavits
- CAS's duty to consult with First Nations
- The breadth and scope of CAS's powers
- Re-Asserting Jurisdiction over Aboriginal Child Welfare

**NEXT SESSION: April 24, 2015 at the Eaton Chelsea Hotel, 33 Gerrard Street W, Toronto**

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### REGISTRATION:

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