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Subject: Invitation from Justice Moen and Assistant Deputy Minister Lynn Varty to attend April 7 Reforming Family Justice System workshop

The Honourable Justice Andrea Moen and Assistant Deputy Minister of Court Services Lynn Varty invite you to attend a workshop for Reforming the Family Justice System on Monday, April 7. We are pleased to have you at the table with us as we discuss how to improve Alberta's family justice system to ensure the needs of our families and children are supported. Meeting details and materials follow below.

WORKSHOP DATE: Monday, April 7, 2014

TIME: 8:00 a.m. (registration) to 4:30 p.m. A continental breakfast will be available.

LOCATION: Matrix Hotel, 10640 100 Avenue NW, Edmonton

Accommodations/Special requirements

A block of rooms has been reserved for those travelling to Edmonton from outside the city. Please contact the hotel directly at 780-429-2861 if you require accommodations to attend the workshop. Ask for the "Policy Workshop" group rate, which is $139 per room. This government rate will be available until April 4. Catering will be provided by the Matrix Hotel. If you have special dietary requirements, email me at diane.shearer@gov.ab.ca.

Reforming Family Justice System Project questionnaire

A vital first step in our work to reform the family justice system is to develop a shared understanding about each other's priorities, expectations and resources. Please take 15 minutes complete the questionnaire. Because your responses will help inform some of our discussion on April 7 and the work we will be doing together in the future, we ask you to complete the questionnaire by April 1. If you are representing an organization we prefer you consider submitting one survey for the entire organization.

Action Committee working group recommendations

We will be referencing the recommendations from the national Action Committee on Access to Justice in Civil and Family Matters - Prevention, Triage and Referral Working Group and the Family Working Group. Summaries of these working group reports are available at www.cfcj-fcjc.org/collaborations#NAC. These reports informed the basis of the discussion at the November 20, 2013 Joint Action Forum in Edmonton and will be the foundation for our discussion at the April 7 workshop and future discussions about how to reform Alberta's family justice system. To help you prepare for the workshop, you are encouraged to review the reports. Familiarizing yourself with the Action Committee working group recommendations will also be valuable as you complete the Reforming Family Justice System Project questionnaire.

What's next

In the next few days you will receive another email outlining the program. In an effort to be open and foster a collaborative environment, we would like to provide a list of individuals attending the workshop. If you have any concerns with your name being shared, please contact me. Remember to save the date for our second workshop on May 5. More information about this workshop will be shared in the coming weeks.

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