Collaboratory
on the
Michigan Children’s Rights Lawsuit Settlement

February 2, 2009
1 p.m.–4 p.m.

Welcome by Dean Laura Lein
Reception to follow

Educational Conference Center
School of Social Work
University of Michigan
1080 S. University
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1106

Moderator
Kathleen Coulborn Faller, Ph.D., A.C.S.W., D.C.S.W.,
Marion Elizabeth Blue Professor of Children & Families,
University of Michigan School of Social Work

Speakers
Kathryne O’Grady, J.D., Michigan Department of Human
Services Deputy for Children and Adult Policy, will speak
about negotiating the settlement and the challenges of imple-
menting such an agreement in hard economic times.

Sarah Bartosz, J.D., children’s rights attorney, will speak
about the role of class action lawsuits in seeking justice for
children, the investigation process employed in constructing a
class action lawsuit, the litigation process, and outcomes from
class action lawsuits.

Lisa Alexander-Taylor, J.D., member of the Federal Monitor
Team from Public Catalyst Group for the Michigan
Settlement Agreement, will speak about the role of a federal
monitor and challenges of implementation of settlement
agreements.

Vivek Sankaran, J.D., assistant professor, Law School, and
supervising attorney, Child Advocacy Law Clinic, Class
Action Lawsuits and Social Justice for Children, is the
summary speaker.