



Lisa Robinson
Michigan Family Support Council

President's Letter

Michigan Family Support Council

31st ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Welcome Michigan Family Support Council Members, Guests and Speakers:

We have made it to another October. This is usually the time when I have an opportunity to reflect on what we presented at the spring and fall conferences of the previous year; what challenges we have had and finally, the achievements and positive impacts the Michigan Family Support Council and the child support program have made to families and our partners across the state. The **Michigan Child Support Program Strategic Plan (2013 – 2017) – Engaging Parents to Improve Children's Lives** was presented and discussed throughout 2012. The mission of the Michigan Child Support Program is to achieve the permanent well-being and self sufficiency of families by delivering consistent, innovative, and holistic services; promoting healthy relationships between parent and children; and ensuring parents fulfill their financial obligations to their children. The program will also promote excellence in service to families by educating, engaging and empowering child support professionals; communicating clearly and timely; and embracing Michigan's diversity.

Over the last year, I think it is safe to state that we have all seen the adoption of the mission of the child support program across the state. Whether it was a pilot project or a procedure that was adopted by an agency or a state-wide policy you all have committed to **Engaging Parents to Improve Children's Lives**.

In conjunction with our 30th Anniversary, the Michigan Family Support Council highlighted the Strategic Plan during our conference last year. In support of its mission, vision and values, MFSC reiterated our commitment to ensuring the Michigan Child Support Program achieved their objectives regarding staff education and training. We believe we have stuck to our pledge to support and invest in our members and promote the mission of the MFSC with the workshops scheduled for this year.

Thank you MFSC members for your continued support and attendance to our spring and fall conferences. Your attendance supports the training and resources we provide to you each year. Please show your appreciation to all the board, committee members, volunteers, vendors and resort staff during the conference this week. Without their hard-work, support and commitment to a successful conference, we would not be able to do what we do every year.

Please remember to visit www.mifsc.org and take advantage of the resources available to you. Session hand-outs, contact information, MFSC award winners, and a silent auction report will be posted shortly after the conference.

Now...take a seat, relax and listen. We hope you enjoy the conference!!!

Sincerely,

Lisa Robinson, President
Michigan Family Support Council