

**Central Michigan Family Support Council  
Constitution**

Preamble: The purpose of the Central Michigan Family Support Council shall be:

1. To provide a representative organization for all domestic relations personnel in the Region, comprised of membership from counties who have joined or may later join.
2. To promote and maintain uniform standards and procedures within the statewide domestic relations system.
3. To promote progressive legislation, resolutions, and other desirable programs representing common interests of the children and their families of the State of Michigan.
4. To provide a forum for the continued study of child support establishment and enforcement problems and the improvement of child support establishment and enforcement procedures as it relates to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, the Friend of the Court, and the Office of Child Support.

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5. To sponsor, promote and present training seminars relating to domestic relations, as needed and desired by the membership.
6. To promote and foster effective communication between the members of this Council.

Article I – Name:

The name of this association shall be the Central Michigan Family Support Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council).

Article II – Membership:

- Section 1. Membership is limited to those persons who are Prosecuting Attorneys and their staffs; Friends of the Court and their staffs; Office of Child Support Specialists and their administrative staffs.

Section 2. Membership entitles the member to the right to attend all meetings of the general membership, to vote on all proceedings, to hold office and to attend all functions open to the general membership.

Section 3. Membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Article III – Board of Directors:

Section 1. The business and affairs of the Council shall be managed and administered by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of:

1. the Officers of the Council,
2. One Director elected from the Prosecutor’s Office by each county,
3. One Director elected from the Friend of the Court Office by each county,
4. Two at large Directors elected by the Office of Child Support, and
5. Three elected Representatives to the Michigan Family Support Council Board, consisting of 1 Representative from the Region’s Prosecutor’s Offices, 1 Representative from the Region’s Friends of the Court Offices, and 1 Representative from the Office elected by the general membership.

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Section 3. The Officers of the Council shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and immediate Past President.

Section 4. The Officers of the Council shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting and shall serve until the close of the next annual meeting. The Representatives to the Michigan Family Support Council Board shall serve a two year term from the close of the next annual state conference after their election to the close of the second annual conference. The purpose of this schedule is to facilitate the participation of the representatives in two annual conferences.

Section 5. The Directors shall serve a term of two years. One-half of the Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting. The Secretary shall list each Director position that is to be elected at the annual meeting in the meeting notice.

Section 6. If a vacancy among the Officers or Directors, the Board of Directors shall vote a successor by 2/3 vote to serve the remainder of the term of office, except as otherwise provided in the By-Laws.

Article IV – Counties:

Section 1. The basic membership group of the Council is the county. The present counties are: Bay, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Huron, Ingham, Jackson, Lapeer, Livingston, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Tuscola, and Washtenaw.

Section 2. Membership to other counties is open.

Article V – Limitations:

Section 1. The Council is non-partisan.

Section 2. No debt shall be incurred in excess of the funds in the treasury of the Council.

Section 3. Any proposal to affiliate with any other association or organization must be approved by a majority vote of the general membership.

Article VI – Amendment of Constitution:

An amendment of this Constitution may be made by proposal at the general membership meeting, as adopted by a majority vote of the membership present and voting. If two-thirds majority of the members present vote in favor of the amendment, it is immediately ratified. If the amendment is adopted by less than two-thirds majority of the membership present and voting, a ratification vote shall be required at the next general membership meeting.

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