



Monica Morris-Moats

President's Letter

Michigan Family Support Council

34th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Welcome members of the Child Support Family to Boyne Highlands for our 34th Annual Fall Conference.

As my tenure as President of MFSC comes to an end, I want to express my gratitude to all who have served with me and the wonderful support I have received. The Michigan Family Support Council has helped me grow as a person and, I hope, as a colleague. I am grateful for everyone I have become acquainted with through this organization; I have learned something valuable from everyone I have met. And as always, a huge THANK YOU to all of you for the amazing work you do each and every day.

Calendar year 2015/2016 was filled with challenges and requirements which at times seemed insurmountable. The good news, as I review reports and stats, is that overall our state has improved with Order establishment and Paternity establishment. In addition, our state is up in current support collected and cases with arrears paid. This means that despite staffing shortages and more and more requirements placed upon us, we have risen above our challenges and done amazing things. Service of Process and Federal Expiration dates were the stuff of nightmares in the last year, and "FED EX" continues to be a hot button issue whatever meeting setting I happen to be in. I have been extremely gratified by the communication between the various partners to try and resolve the tough issues we all face in our various offices.

I look forward to our conference and hope everyone has an enjoyable and informative time. The Board has worked very hard to provide our attendees with a huge variety of topics. This year was marked by several people reaching out to me to join the board and help in whatever capacity they could. Everyone is welcome and help is always appreciated! I would like to take this time to thank the individual Board members for all the hard work they do throughout the year and the wonderful support I have received during my tenure as President. We were happy to welcome full board representation from the Northern region this year which resulted in new members and new perspectives and ideas!! Thank you to Joy Anderson, Jodie Barrette, Patty Buskirk, Marcia Coughlin, Nadine Gauldin, Amy Gilmore, Jennifer Granzow, Lona Julien, Beth Naftaly Kirshner, Jeff Koteles, Dan McLean, Erica Mead, Jeanette Miracle-Leshan, Kenyatta Myricks, Lisa Robinson, Pam Sala, Teresa Schneider, and Sheila Waldrop. Thank you to our Associate members: Jennifer Arsenault, Amy Coscarelli, Cykenya Ford, Tim Cole, and Michelle Le Feve for all that you do. The Board continues to amaze me with their dedication to the organization and the wonderful input they bring to each meeting.

Have a fantastic time at Boyne!! Please remember to contact us with any ideas for future conferences as well as offers of help!

Sincerely,

Monica Morris-Moats, President
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