



Northern Region

Michigan Family Support Council

25th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Northern Region in 2007 experienced another year of continued professional growth, offering what has become our annual training session in Traverse City. This years session was very well attended, with registrants numbering a near record 53.

The Spring Conference was held on May 16, 2007 at the Waterfront Inn. The program started with a presentation by Marilyn Stephen, Director of the Office of Child Support, leading a discussion on Central Office issues and a MiCSES update. Next on the agenda, was a session by H.R. Block on Tax Returns - Analysis and Understanding followed by Roland Fancher, Cass County Friend of the Court and his presentation on the State of Michigan Support Formula, focusing on complex calculations and unusual applications. The lunch, which this year was a Southwest Barbecue Buffet, as usual was outstanding. After lunch, the program continued with a presentation on Bridges with Dan Bauer and Carol Kraklan followed by a session on Self Defense and Conflict Avoidance by Sgt. Preston Taylor of the Grand Traverse Count Sheriff's Department, finishing up the program. This year's presentations were excellent and were very well received.

There has been no changes to the Region Board this last year. Amy Gilmore is currently still our O.C.S. rep, however, our F.O.C. rep and P.A. rep positions still remain unfilled. Therefore, anyone with an interest and the ability to attend our State Board meetings the second Tuesday of each month from 10am until approximately noon is encouraged to contact me to discuss this matter further. We really need more of a presence on the State Board from the North.

Here's hoping this years State conference is enjoyable as well as productive for you.

Respectfully,

Al Crocker
President, Northern Region
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