



Southeast Region

Michigan Family Support Council

25th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dear Child Support Colleagues:

On behalf of the Executive Board of the *Southeastern Michigan Family Support Council*, welcome to the 25th Annual MFSC Annual Fall Training Conference! As always, we hope you enjoy your week of networking, training, education, and camaraderie. We hope you have a chance to relax and enjoy the Boyne Highland Resort.

We appreciate you taking the time from your full schedules to take advantage of the information and tools we will present to you this week. We recognize the sacrifice it takes to take advantage of training and workshops in light of the state's economy. Agencies across the state continue to experience budget cuts along with the reduction or elimination of state and federal funding. We appreciate your support in the Council's efforts to provide you with the tools and training that support you in your work. Your dedication shows as you continue to help families who are impacted by the state's economy as well. You showed your support and dedication throughout the year as you attended our regional spring conferences held throughout the state this year. Our region held their conference at the beautiful MacRay Harbor Banquet and Conference Center in Harrison Township. We had a beautiful day to enjoy the view of boats on the water and valuable information. Our agenda included a welcome from Judge Tracey A. Yokich from the 16th Circuit Court; Kirsten Thompson provided us with Mi-Support updates; Cindy Sherburn from 3rd Circuit Court presented legislative updates; Karen Wildrum from OCS sent information regarding the WITs and Workgroups; Bill McNeil presented his *ParentTime Now* tool; OCS Policy presented Bridges; and last but certainly not least, IV-D Director Marilyn Stephen updated us on the state of the Michigan Child Support Program.

An important goal of the Michigan Family Support Council is to share the wealth of knowledge and resources we have among our co-workers and partner agencies. This Council includes employees from the Office of Child Support, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and the Office of the Friend of the Court in Lenawee, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne County. To access these resources and information, please visit the Michigan Family Support Council website <http://www.mifsc.org>. You may also access this website via the link on MI-Support. The site provides information on the state and regional councils, resource information, and a feedback area. The Council will ensure the site updates on a regular basis. Please feel free to contact us with any resource information and ideas you wish to share with the statewide membership or have posted on the website.

We welcome your participation at the state and/or regional levels. For more information on how to participate in the organization, contact the regional board members in your area, any state board member or visit <http://www.mifsc.org>.

Sincerely,

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