



## **Northern Region**

### *Michigan Family Support Council*

#### **31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The Northern Region in 2013 experienced another year of continued professional growth, offering what has become our annual training session in Traverse City. This year's session registrants reached 60 for the first time ever, capping off four straight years of record setting attendance.

The Spring Conference was held on May 15, 2013 at the Hagerty Center. The Hagerty Center is an outstanding facility, voted #1 in the State outside of Metro Detroit. The program started with a presentation by Erin Frisch, our new 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 Pam Sala on the OPRE Screen. After that, Kerry Page did a follow-up presentation from last year on SACWIS 2013. This year we were treated to an outstanding lunch buffet featuring hanger steak and whitefish almandine. After lunch, the program continued with a presentation by Pam Sala and Paula Fulton regarding ALERTS Management. Finally the program concluded with a presentation on All Things Child Support Web by Kirsten Thompson. This year's presentations were again, as always, excellent and very well received.

The Northern Board this year continues to be understaffed. Amy Gilmore continues as our O.C.S. rep. however, our F.O.C. rep position remains vacant as well as our P.A. rep position. 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.

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

Respectfully,

Al Crocker  
President, Northern Region  
Michigan Family Support Council