



Southeast Region

Michigan Family Support Council

33rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Board of the Southeastern Region welcomes you to the 33rd Annual Fall Training Conference at the beautiful – dressed in all of its fall splendor - Boyne Highlands Resort. We are excited by the speakers, topics and fun evening events we have lined up, including new this year – a euchre tournament!

Child Support is our business. Our experienced leaders and professionals have dedicated their careers to child support. Everything we do is designed to enhance service delivery and achieve positive outcomes for children and families. Our mission is simple: employ the best resources, people, and ideas to help our partners operate high-performing, cost-effective child support programs that provide positive outcomes for the children and families we jointly serve. Our vision is a society in which all parents voluntarily and consistently provide financial, medical, and emotional support of their children. We strive to be a valuable asset to our customers, administering fair and effective programs, guiding parents and guardians through the child support system, and identifying opportunities and programs to help mothers, fathers, guardians, children and families achieve success. You should all give yourselves a pat on the back!

Our annual Spring Conference was again held at the beautiful MacRay Banquet Center overlooking Lake St. Clair. We had an awesome schedule which included presentations on Performance Incentives by then SCAO Management Analyst Dan Bauer, Legislative Updates by Cindy Sherburn, Legal Counsel at Wayne County, a modified version of 2014 Fall Conference Sit Back and Lego With Central Operations by Jennifer Burdick, Erica Stoll and Karen Beechler. After lunch, our IV-D Director Erin Frisch gave us an informative update. Michael Grisinger from MiCSES Project provided some useful information on Case Closure. Last, but certainly not least, Friend Jack Battles from Genesee County and Stephanie Witucki from FOC Wayne, presented on their specialty courts “ADAPT” (Acquiring DNA and Paternity Timely) and “POWER” (Providing Opportunities for Work, Education, and Respect, respectively). You can find the conference materials at mifsc.org/regional-councils/southeastern.

The Southeastern MFSC is composed of child support professionals from Office of Child Support, Prosecuting Attorney Offices and Friend of the Court Offices in Lenawee, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne Counties. As a group we are dedicated to the ongoing education of child support employees and agencies throughout the region. We meet monthly at a central location and would welcome your participation or input. There are presently vacancies on the council for FOC representation from Lenawee and Monroe Counties and PA representation from Lenawee, Monroe, Oakland and St. Clair Counties. If you are interested in getting involved, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the other board members. We would love to hear from you.

Our current board presently consists of: Lona Julien, President, State Board and Macomb FOC Rep; Jeanette Miracle-Leshan, Vice-President, State Board and Oakland FOC Rep; Lisa Robinson, Treasurer, Wayne FOC Rep and State Board Rep; Kathryn (K.C.) Mayer, Secretary and Wayne PA Rep; Sandra Erickson, St. Clair FOC Rep; Dan McLean, Macomb FOC Rep; Angela Moore, Wayne FOC Rep; Rita Whiting, Oakland FOC Rep; Beth Naftaly Kirshner, Macomb and State Board PA Rep; Andrea Jacklyn, Macomb PA Rep; Christine Graver, Wayne PA Rep; Tamekia Young, State Board and OCS Rep; Katie Demopolis, OCS Rep; Tiffany Heard, OCS Rep; Kenyatta Myrics, OCS Rep and Lawrence White OCS Rep.

Finally, thank you to all of our state and regional board and council members who tirelessly give of themselves and their time to make the Spring Conference a success. Their hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated. Have a great conference experience!

Respectfully,

Lona Julien
President, Southeastern Region
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