



Southeast Region *Michigan Family Support Council*

32nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Southeast MFSC held its annual Spring Training Conference on May 9th at the beautiful Macray Banquet Center in Harrison Township on Lake St. Clair. Members from the Prosecuting Attorney Offices, Friend of the Courts, and the Office of Child Support attended the conference. Unfortunately, only five members from the Office of Child Support attended because of the travel freeze in effect. Members from Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, and Wayne counties attended.

We opened the conference with registration and a continental breakfast. After welcoming our members, Sean Bodell from the Office of Child Support gave a presentation on the OCS - Interactive Voice Routing Technology. Part of the presentation included Sean placing a call to the IVR and speaking to a worker. Cindy Sherburn, Legal Counsel for the Third Judicial Circuit presented Legislative Updates to the attendees. She provided an overview of updates to the public acts, bills, court rules and appellate court decisions that affect the Michigan IV-D program. Erin Frisch, IV-D Director for the Office of Child Support addressed the members next. She provided an update on the child support program. Elizabeth Stomski from the SCAO gave a presentation about the Affordable Health Care Act.

After hearing about the Affordable Health Care Act, attendees had the pleasure of a wonderful lunch. Our lunch included tender Roast Beef, Chicken Piccata, Penne Pasta with Palomino Sauce, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Vanilla Bean Ice Cream, cookies, salad, and fresh baked rolls.

We began our afternoon presentations with elections for MFSC county representatives. Andrea Jacklyn and Beth Naftaly-Kirshner were re-elected as the Macomb County PA representatives. Rita Whiting was elected as the Oakland County FOC representative. Sandra Erickson was re-elected as the St. Clair County FOC representative and I was re-elected as the Wayne County FOC representative. Katie Demopolis, Tiffany Heard, and Kenyatta Myricks were re-elected as OCS representatives.

Amy Gilmore from the OCS provided a presentation about the Birth Registry/CPR. Rosa Marie Thomas and Stephanie Lange from Macomb County Community Mental Health returned from last year and presented Managing Emotions: Part II. We closed the conference with our annual raffle. Proceeds from donations for additional tickets to the raffle go toward the donation we make to the MFSC Silent Auction at the fall conference.

Thank you to all of our members for your continued support and participation. The importance of your participation was never more evident than it was this year. After the notification that the OCS would not send any workers to the regional conferences, our region was concerned. Approximately 15 - 20 OCS members attend our spring conference each year. Unfortunately, they did not know if they would receive administrative leave to attend the conference or mileage reimbursement.

Thank you to our county agency representatives for all of their hard work and support. Your representatives are Katie Demopolis, Sandra Erickson, Christine Graver, Tiffany Heard, Andrea Jacklyn, Lona Julien, Beth Naftaly-Kirshner, Jeanette Miracle-Leshan, Kathryn Mayer, Dan McLean, Theresa Moehlig, Anjela Moore, Kenyatta Myricks, Rhonda Mohlman, Lawrence White, and Tamekia Young. If you are interested in conference information or attending a regional meeting, please visit www.mifsc.org or contact one of your representatives for additional information.

Have a wonderful conference and please support our Silent Auction donation.

Respectfully,

Lisa Robinson
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