



Northern Region

Michigan Family Support Council

32nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Northern Region in 2014 experienced another year of continued professional growth, offering what has become our annual training session in Traverse City. The number of registered participants this year reached 66, capping off five straight years of record setting attendance.

The Spring Conference was held on May 14, 2014 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 Pratin Trivedi, OCS Director of Technology, filling in for Erin Frisch, leading a discussion on Central Office issues and a MiCSES update. Next on the agenda, was a session by Chuck Spring on Data Warehouse / Business Objects (2014). After that, Bill Bartels gave a presentation on the Michigan Child Support Formula. This year we were treated to an outstanding lunch buffet featuring beef tips tenderloin and whitefish almondine. After lunch, the program continued with a presentation by Nancy Ruonavaara and Wendy Stoner regarding New and Coming Attractions in MiCSES. Finally, Wendy concluded the program with a presentation on the Unemployment Insurance Agency Interface Process. 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
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