



Northern Region

Michigan Family Support Council

34th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Northern Region of the Michigan Family Support Council welcomes you to the 34th Annual Fall Training Conference at Boyne Highlands. Our very large region of Counties include: Alcona, Alger, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Baraga, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Clare, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Emmet, Gladwin, Gogebic, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Iosco, Iron, Isabella, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Lake, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Marquette, Mason, Mecosta, Menominee, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Osceola, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Schoolcraft, and Wexford.

The Northern Regional Michigan Family Support Council presents educational training each year for child support professionals. The training is in the spring and this year it was held in Gaylord MI, in Otsego County on May 24, 2016. The MDHHS IV-D Director, Erin Frisch, spoke on several key issues within the program and had put to the floor for questions the child support professionals wanted answers to. She was then able to answer hot topic questions that the professionals present wanted to hear and the format was a well-received change to the normal presentment of material. Nancy Ruonavaara and Corrina Batora from Office of Child Support/MiCSES Training Team spoke regarding MiSACWIS/AGP cases and were able to give great updates regarding the new program. Other speakers included Brian Ronan regarding CALC with a very informative presentation on the new changes, Michael Grisinger spoke regarding MILR/ILR and Business Objects, he also touched on the Review and Modification process for improved tracking and automation. Patty Buskirk spoke regarding Coop/non-coop as well as the MiCASE to MiChildSupport changes and access. We also had Candace Tierney, Tribal Judge from the Bay Mills Tribal Court regarding Tribal law and changes they have made regarding Tribal members with cases on Tribal land, but also on public assistance programs with the State of Michigan. This speaker resulted in great dialog among all the professionals.

We will be holding our annual elections at the Fall conference again this year. Our current officers are: President: Joy N. Anderson, Vice President: Jodie Barrette, Treasurer: Amy Gilmore, Secretary: vacant. Your Representatives to the State Board include, Joy Anderson, as President, Jodie Barrette, Friend of the Court, Erica Meade, Prosecuting Attorney Office, and Amy Gilmore, Office Of Child Support.

Our meetings are generally held via teleconference due to the geographical distance of our members on the first Thursday of the month. We have open positions in our region for most counties. If you are able to participate and represent your county on the Northern Regional Michigan Family Support Council, please contact me during the conference or at andersonj9@michigan.gov.

As always we welcome your suggestions for future training topics and hope you enjoy your stay at Boyne Highlands!

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