President’s Letter
Michigan Family Support Council

26th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

As I sit down to write my final message to you as my second 2 year term comes to an end, as President of the MFSC, I think back at the accomplishments this organization has made in its 26 years of existence. It has been a pleasure for me to have served this organization in the role of President twice over the years, each for a 2 year period of time. The people on the Board of Directors have been dedicated to child support, caring, fun loving and some of the hardest workers I have had the opportunity to work with in my 34 years of work in child support. Their dedication made my job much easier. I can not begin to count the number of children’s and families’ lives touched, in some way, through the work and training received at the training conferences of this organization and at the regional levels also.

The Office of Child Support, its leadership, the Friend of the Court Association, its leadership, the Prosecutors, their Association, and my fellow “Friends” across Michigan have made life a lot better for thousands of children and families across our state and the country, too. Life long friendships have been made in each of these offices and organizations. It does not seem enough to say a heart felt thank you to all of you who have had some role to play in the Michigan Family Support Council, the regional councils, local offices and front line workers who handle the day to day tasks of the Child Support business.

While, I will be stepping down as your President, I intend to remain active on your Board hoping to be able to add some ideas for future training events. I look forward to continuing to be a part of this great organization that helps train hundreds of workers working to strengthen families.

This 26th annual conference offers you a large variety of workshops and great plenary speakers for learning, creating ideas, sharing best practices and having fun all rolled up into one great meeting.

I invite you to take part in the workshops, enjoy the plenary sessions and to network with your fellow child support workers at the many fun time opportunities after hours, including the Silent Auction for Charity and Scholarships, the Game Night, the Talent Show and Dance. Sometimes these are the best opportunities to learn.

Please take time to stop by and visit all of the vendors, who play such an important role in making this conference happen. Without their support, we could not put on such a conference. Let them know how much you appreciate their support and be sure to say “thank you”.

I want to say a special thank you to Marilyn Stephen, whom I first had the privilege of working with when she was Jackson County’s Child Support Prosecutor. She has always been a special friend and supporter, especially in my early days. I want to say thank you to Judge Chad Schmucker, Chief Judge of the 4th Circuit/Family Court for trusting me to do this work and for giving the support needed. To Hattie Ann, thank you for your constant support, love and encouragement as I pursued the work in Child Support for 34 years. You are my inspiration. Thank you, Child Support Workers of Michigan. You are the Greatest and God Bless each of you!

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