



President's Letter

Michigan Family Support Council

24th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HELLO! Michigan's Child Support Professionals!
Welcome to the 24th Annual Michigan Family Support Council Fall Training Conference!

On behalf of the Michigan Family Support Council (MFSC) State Board, I welcome you and hope that you enjoy the annual conference, and the lovely setting here at Boyne Highlands Resort.

The State Board has worked through the year to make sure this annual training conference provides program information that is valuable to all child support program professionals in Michigan. This year's program includes 45 different workshop sessions and 4 plenary speakers. Workshop sessions are developed from requests received throughout the year from staff and managers in the program. The Board has tried to provide information that is pertinent to our jobs with families and children. All sessions and speakers are chosen to enhance your program knowledge at both the state and federal levels; and encourage and strengthen your enthusiasm.

Once again, we have the Silent Auction. This activity has been fun and profitable for both a charity and for a scholarship fund for conference participants. There are evening activities scheduled including music and entertainment, a caricaturist, fun classes, color tours, and much more. Vendors participate in an exhibition center, displaying new and unique tools for the child support program.

The Michigan Child Support Program is facing many challenges as we move forward to the future. We need to remember that the Michigan Child Support Program can boast many outstanding accomplishments. These accomplishments are due to the dedication and hard work of all those child support professionals across the state, working together for one common goal: improving the health and well being of our Michigan children. Michigan child support professionals demonstrate creativity, cooperation and resilience in sustaining a great Michigan Child Support Program. While you are here this week, take the time to appreciate old working relationships! Embrace long established friendships! Celebrate all your many accomplishments!

Many thanks to those who have participated in the planning for this year's conference program! And now, we start planning for next year - our Silver Anniversary year! **JOIN THE TEAM!** We need volunteers to become part of the planning....new ideas....new faces....new perspectives! Contact your regional officers, state board members and **VOLUNTEER!**

Enjoy the program! Join in on the fun activities! Take the time to network and meet the other dedicated child support professionals that are attending! Thank you for coming and please enjoy the conference!

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