



Southeast Region *Michigan Family Support Council*

26th ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Dear Child Support Colleagues:

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Southeastern Michigan Family Support Council, welcome to the MFSC Annual Fall Training Conference. Once again, we are fortunate enough to have the wonderful scenery of the Boyne Highlands to remind us of the beautiful fall colors Michigan has to offer. We hope you enjoy your stay and the workshops we have to offer.

As always, the Board appreciates you taking the time from your full schedules to take advantage of the information and tools we will present to you this week. We recognize the sacrifice it takes to take advantage of training and workshops in light of your heavy work loads and the state of the economy. Agencies across the state continue to experience budget cuts along with the reduction or elimination of state and federal funding. We appreciate your support in the Council's efforts to provide you with the tools and training that support you in your work. Your efforts show as you continue to help families who are impacted by the state's economy as well. You show your support and dedication throughout the year as you attend training offered at the local/state offices and regional conferences. The SE MFSC saw your support at our annual spring conference on May 9, 2008 at MacRay Harbor on a beautiful spring day. The Honorable Judge Edward A. Servitto Jr., from Macomb County welcomed the attendees and thanked everyone for all the work they do. Bill Bartels from the State Court Administrator's Office kicked-off our conference by presenting the New Child Support Formula and Updates from the State Court Administrator's Office. Cindy Sherburn, attorney with the Third Circuit Court in Wayne County, discussed legislative updates that affected Michigan Domestic Relations law. Pam Sala, from Oakland County Friend of the Court and SE MFSC FOC representative provided the attendees a general overview of the Hague Convention on the Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance. Jennifer Brown from St. Clair County presented their Jail Alternative Sentencing Program. Last but not least, Marilyn Stephen, IV-D Director of the Office of Child Support closed our conference with an update on the state of the child support program. We hope we provided you valuable tools and information to help you help families.

We also held elections during the conference. Zenell Brown was re-elected as the PA representative, Cora Poldo, Rik Lapham, Marcie Prather, and Harold Weaver were re-elected as OCS representatives and I was re-elected as an FOC representative for Wayne County. Joshua Walker was elected as an FOC representative, Stephanie Gurganus was re-elected as a FOC representative, Jackie McGhee and Tiffany Clerk were re-elected as PA representatives for Monroe County. Debora Page was elected as the PA representative for Oakland County. Last and certainly not least, Sandra Erickson was re-elected as FOC Representative for St. Clair County. Please congratulate your representatives when you see them. Their hard work keeps our regional and state boards alive.

An important goal and continued mission of the Michigan Family Support Council is to share the wealth of knowledge and resources we have among our co-workers and partner agencies. This Council includes employees from the Office of Child Support, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and the Office of the Friend of the Court in Lenawee, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne County. To access these resources and information or participate, please visit the Michigan Family Support Council website <http://www.mifsc.org>.

Sincerely,

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