

## **SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT**

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This year SWMFSC had "Spend the Day with the Butterflies" at Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park on April 21, 2005. There were 105 in attendance for the program.

We started our morning with Kevin Bowling, Circuit Court director, Ottawa County and the Hon Jon VanAllsburg, Circuit Court Judge, Ottawa County; speaking on Legislative Updates. We heard from Tim Charron, FIA manager/ Tax Professional H&R Block, on Finding Hidden Assets on Tax Forms and Jennifer Granzow, APA Kalamazoo County Prosecutor's Office updated us on Foster Care.

In the afternoon we had BEST PRACTICES. These were short discussions on how several counties handle issues in their counties. Maureen Peterson, Kalamazoo County FOC on Case Closure, Stacy Rentfrow, VanBuren County FOC on Child Support Formula, Matt Semenczuk, Kalamazoo County FOC, on Modification for Incarceration Credit, Steve Cotton, Ottawa County FOC, on Custody Evaluation, and Sherry Vanbemmelen, Ottawa County FOC rounded off our time with Humor in the Workplace/Office Morale.

We are looking forward to 2006 with the planning of two great conferences again to meet the training needs of not only Southwest MI area but anyone in the State that would like to attend. If you have any suggestions for topics or speakers, please contact your County Director or one of the officers on the Board.

If you do not have a Director for your County and are interested in serving on the Board please contact Matt Schmid at [Schmidm@Michigan.Gov](mailto:Schmidm@Michigan.Gov) or Barb Armitage at [Brarmi@Kalcounty.Com](mailto:Brarmi@Kalcounty.Com). We are also looking for OCS Support Specialists from our area to serve on our Board.

Thank you everyone who participated this past year in making our training session successful.

Respectfully,

Barbara Armitage, President