



Northern Region

Michigan Family Support Council

24th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Northern Region in 2006 experienced another year of continued professional growth, offering what has become our annual training session in Traverse City. This year's session was fairly well attended, with registrants numbering approximately 40.

The Spring Conference was held on May 24, 2006 at the Waterfront Inn. The program started with a presentation by Mark Jasonowicz and Dave Mork from the Office of Child Support, leading a discussion on Central Office issues, MiCSES, and the Debit Card process. After which, I am happy to report, we were finally able to have Marilyn Mitchell present her session on the FISH Philosophy, since she had become ill at the last minute, last year. The presentations were excellent and were very well received. The attendees just loved the FISH Philosophy. The lunch, which included Pork Loin w/ Whiskey Go – Go Sauce and Whitefish w/Dried Cherries and Lemon Butter was outstanding, as usual!

There have been no changes to the Region Board over this last year. Amy Gilmore is still our OCS representative. However, our FOC and PA representatives remain unfilled. Therefore, anyone with an interest and the ability to attend our State Board meetings the second Tuesday of each month from 10am until approximately noon is encouraged to contact me to discuss this matter further. We really need more of a presence on the State Board from the North.

Here's hoping this year's State conference is enjoyable as well as productive for you!

Al Crocker
President of the Northern Region