



Central Region

Michigan Family Support Council

25th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Central Region in 2007 experienced another year of professional growth and information during the annual conference; offering a great day of learning. This year's attendance included approximately 57 participants.

The annual conference for 2007 was held on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at the beautiful Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Lodge and Conference Center. This year's program included Marilyn Stephen, Director of the Office of Child Support, who spoke about the State's current budget situation. Carol Kraklin and Dan Bauer gave a very detailed overview of the Bridges project. Ellen Durnan spoke to us about the importance of WIT's and Workgroups. Susan Thorman, FOCA President discussed some of the challenges facing the FOC's in the coming year. The day ended with Michael Adrian sharing information about the Deficit Reduction Act and the fees associated with it. This year's annual conference was focused on an informational theme rather than providing a motivational speaker. During this unsettling time, the board felt it would be more beneficial to the attendees to receive valuable information at this time. The beautiful new location of this year's annual conference was well received and it is highly anticipated for next year. We hope to see you in 2008.

This year's Board of Directors for 2007-2008 are: Bryan Christie (President), Nadine Gaulden (vice pres.), Lisa Selleck (treas.), Tina Coones (secy.), and representatives to the State board, Kelly Fleming (F.O.C. rep.), Dan Jaworski (P.A. rep.), and Bobbi Cornell (O.C.S. rep.).

On behalf of the Central Region Board, I hope this year's State conference at Boyne is enjoyable and educational for you.

Respectfully,

Bryan A. Christie
President, Central Region
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