



Central Region

Michigan Family Support Council

26th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Officers and Board members of the Central Region Michigan Family Support Council, extend our welcome to the 26th Annual Michigan Family Support Conference. We hope the conference will be educational, entertaining, thought provoking, and give all attendees an opportunity to meet workers from other professional areas. We particularly welcome new workers to the organization and hope your experiences are meaningful and enjoyable!

The Central Region Michigan Family Support Council hosted the spring training conference on May 6, 2008. This year's conference site was the Brookshire Inn and Golf Club in Williamston, Michigan. Attendance was high. The agenda included:

- Legislative update;
- Discussion about the \$25 fee for custodial parents;
- DRA update and FOCA news;
- E-learning programs available for child support professionals;
- Discussion about the revised 2008 Michigan Child Support Formula;
- Information about the foster care process in relationship to the child support program.

Guest speakers included Suzanne Hollyer, Ed Messing, Suzy Crittendon, Bill Bartels, and Steve Capps. The Michigan Family Support Council (MFSC) State Board President, Andy Crisenbery, reminded the group about the upcoming Fall Training Conference to be hosted at Boyne Highlands Resort on October 8th through the 10th. The Office of Child Support IV-D Director, Marilyn Stephen, addressed the group about the child support program in Michigan.

An election of the officers and state board representatives was conducted. The new officers include myself, Ellen Durnan, President; Laurie Oberle, Vice President; Tina Coones, Secretary; and Lisa Selleck, Treasurer. Counties included in the Central Region are: Bay, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Huron, Gratiot, Ingham, Jackson, Lapeer, Livingston, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Tuscola, Washtenaw, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Jackson, Huron, Ingham, Lapeer, Livingston, Shiawassee, and Washtenaw.

Meetings for the Central Region MFSC have been scheduled for the next year. Meeting dates will be posted on the MFSC website (www.mifsc.org) and on the mi-support internal website calendar. New committees have been formed: Legislative Updates, chairs are Anne Lerini and Tony Paruk; Spring Conference Planning Committee, Laurie Oberle, Lisa Watts and Andrew Albrandt; Membership Committee, Kelly Fleming chair; Nominating Committee; By-Laws Committee, Dan Jaworski chair. We encourage all those interested to participate in our meetings and the planning of the next regional conference!

Thanks to everyone who participated this past year in making our training session successful!

Respectfully,

Ellen Durnan
President, Central Region
Michigan Family Support Council