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AFCC Regional Training Conference

Interventions for Family Conflict: Stacking the Odds in Favor of Children

Reno, Nevada ♦ November 5-7, 2009
Peppermill Resort ♦ \$99 single or double

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AFCC is an interdisciplinary and international association of professionals dedicated to improving the lives of children through the resolution of family conflict.



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- In collaboration with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.
- Three days of professional training with leading professionals!
- Professional tracks for judges, lawyers, mediators, parenting coordinators and custody evaluators.
- Ethics programs for legal and mental health professionals.
- Outstanding continuing education opportunities (details on page 11).

Professional Tracks

Pick one track or mix and match the workshops of interest to you.

	Lawyers (L)	Mediators (M)	Parenting Coordinators (PC)	Judges (J)	Custody Evaluators (CE)
Thursday Pre-conference Institutes	Children in Court	Advanced Mediation Techniques	Advanced PC Strategies and Interventions	Children in Court	Conducting Brief Assessments
Friday Morning Workshops	Ethical Challenges for Family Lawyers	Working with Children in Mediation	Florida's Parenting Coordination Study	Developmental Perspective and Discipline Integration	Defining Standards in Custody Evaluations
Friday Afternoon Workshops	The Various Uses of Violence in Intimate Relationships	Mediation Ethical Dilemma	Ethical Issues for Parenting Coordinators	Services for Self-represented Litigants	Speaking for the Child
Saturday Morning Workshops	Family Law on Facebook	Mediation and Domestic Abuse	Parenting Coordination in Cyberspace	Conflict and Intimate Partner Violence	Ethical Issues in Custody Consultation
Saturday Afternoon Workshops	Representation in Focused Evaluations	Strategies for Reducing Conflict	Therapeutic Reunification	Making Court-Involved Therapy Work	Brief Focused Assessments

Please register early, registration is limited!

Conference at a Glance

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

6:00pm-8:00pm Registration

Thursday, November 5, 2009

8:00am-5:00pm Registration

8:30am-9:00am Coffee and rolls

9:00am-4:30pm Pre-conference Institutes

12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch (on your own)

5:00pm-6:00pm Welcome Reception

9:00pm-12:00am AFCC Hospitality Suite

Friday, November 6, 2009

7:30am-5:00pm Registration

7:45am-8:15am Coffee and rolls

8:15am-9:15am Opening Session

9:30am-12:30pm Workshops 1-5

12:30pm-1:45pm Lunch (on your own)

2:00pm-5:00pm Workshops 6-10

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Saturday, November 7, 2009

8:00am-4:45pm Registration

8:30am-9:00am Coffee and rolls

9:00am-12:00pm Workshops 11-15

12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch (included)

1:45pm-4:45pm Workshops 16-20

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Pre-Conference Institutes

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009

9:00am-4:30pm

1. Children in Court (J, L)

This institute, designed for judges and lawyers, addresses the challenging issues related to children's involvement in the family court processes. Should judges speak with children? If so, what are critical considerations and effective techniques? How can guardians *ad litem* for children most effectively assess best interests and make the distinction between best interests and a child's wishes? When should a child's wishes mandate appointment of an attorney to represent the child? Should children ever testify in court? If so, do they express their wishes or talk about family issues? What is the role of mental health professionals in helping children with court proceedings? Participants in this interactive institute will learn about different practices and international perspectives related to children in court, conducting developmentally appropriate interviews, providing developmentally appropriate information to children about the legal process and more.

Hon. Denise McColley, Napoleon, OH

Mindy Mitnick, M.Ed., Uptown Mental Health Center, Edina, MN

Philip Stahl, Ph.D., ABPP, Queen Creek, AZ

Rebecca Stahl, J.D., Tucson, AZ

James Weinandy, J.D., Bowling Green, OH

2. Challenging the Culture of Conflict: Advanced Parenting Coordination Strategies and Interventions (PC)

This advanced institute will focus on how conflict develops and becomes entrenched in parenting partnerships and the role of parenting coordination in helping peace become a possibility and not just a pipe dream. The parenting coordination process provides opportunities for families, the court, and the community to challenge the culture of conflict and offers strategies to help parents learn to stop destructive fighting. Specific interventions for analyzing and managing entrenched conflicts will be explored along with strategies for prevention, resolution, and containment of disputes. Difficult challenges within the PC process, including parent pathology and ruptured relationships between family members, will be addressed.

Christine A. Coates, M.Ed., J.D., Boulder, CO

Debra K. Carter, Ph.D., National Cooperative Parenting Center, Bradenton, FL

3. Conducting Brief Assessments (CE)

Growing caseloads and seemingly increasing numbers of high conflict families and *pro se* litigants are forcing programs to do more with less. This institute focuses on the growing practice of focused assessments in child custody disputes. Presenters will examine three models, discuss implementation and administrative issues, examine pitfalls and share related research findings. Specific attention will be paid to the referral process and order for participation, the determination of when and whether to refer to a comprehensive evaluation, communication with the court and the AFCC Guidelines for Brief Focused Assessments. This institute is for practitioners and administrators who are interested in this growing area of practice.

Linda Cavallero, Ph.D., University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Worcester, MA

Susan Hanks, Ph.D., Alameda County Families and Children's Bureau, Oakland, CA

Debra Kulak, M.S., Court Support Services Division, Wethersfield, CT

4. Advanced Mediation Techniques: Cognitive Behavioral Problem Solving and the Art of the Question (M)

Skillful use of questions can make or break a difficult mediation. Well-phrased questions can help parties to articulate concerns, needs and interests they might otherwise not have considered, and can lead to frank, open exchanges that resolve seemingly intractable conflicts. This participatory institute will explore the art of the question, using cognitive behavioral questions that help clients create change through cognition and behavioral changes. Presenters will focus on both theoretical and practical approaches to developing the art of asking questions and will use a variety of training techniques, including a DVD demonstration, to assist participants in better understanding the effective use of questions.

Larry Fong, Ph.D., Calgary, AB, Canada

Chip Rose, J.D., Santa Cruz, CA

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7:30am-5:00pm	Registration
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8:15am-9:15am	Opening Session

Welcome: *Hon. Emile Kruzick*, AFCC President,
Brampton, ON

Hon. David A. Hardy, Presiding Family Court Judge,
Washoe County, Reno, NV

Children, Courts and Conflict: Current Research and Applications for Practice

This session examines a landmark evaluation of the Family Intake Assessment Screen, a clinical tool implemented in Connecticut court services to help identify court services that best meet families' needs, especially those in conflict. Dr. Pruett will explore clinical and empirical connections between the screen and family service recommendations around issues including high conflict, domestic violence, child abuse and unrepresented parties. An analysis of corresponding court motions will also be explored.

Marsha Kline Pruett, Ph.D., M.S.L., Smith College
School for Social Work, Northampton, MA

9:30am-12:30pm Workshops 1-5

1. Yours, Mine or Ours in Juvenile and Family Courts: Can a Developmental Perspective and Discipline Integration Help Reduce Family Conflict? (J)

Judicial officers hearing juvenile and family cases have long recognized that many of the dynamics underlying abuse and neglect, family violence, delinquency, and family dissolution are interconnected. Unfortunately, the justice system is often compartmentalized. This interactive workshop will (a) examine current research regarding the constellation of interconnected risk/protective factors and experiences often shared by children, youth, and families in crisis; (b) discuss suggestions for court and allied system practice that reflects understanding of shared dynamics and specifically addresses strategies to reduce family conflict; and (c) explore thoughts on future directions for research and practice to reduce family conflict.

Hon. Karen Adam, Pima County Juvenile Court Center,
Tucson, AZ

Melissa Bahmer, Senior Program Manager, Permanency
Planning for Children Department, National Council of
Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Reno, NV

Shawn Marsh, Ph.D., Director, Juvenile and Family Law
Department, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court
Judges, Reno, NV

Ruby White Starr, Assistant Director, Family Violence
Department, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court
Judges, Reno, NV

Save the Dates

AFCC 47th Annual Conference
***Traversing the Trail of Alienation:
Rocky Relationships, Mountains of Emotion,
Mile High Conflict***

June 2-5, 2010

**Sheraton Denver
Denver, Colorado**

Friday, November 6, 2009

2. Research to Practice: Florida's Parenting Coordination Study (PC)

This interactive workshop will turn research into practice using results of two Florida studies that examine issues including efficacy of the parenting coordination process, training and characteristics of PCs and techniques and roles utilized by PCs. Participants will learn how to identify the phases of conflict and indicators within the PC process to break impasse. Specific interventions for extinguishing destructive parent interactions, including aspects of cooperative, parallel and disengaged parenting structures will be explored. If you are looking for new skills and techniques to add to your PC toolbox, this workshop is for you!

Ruth Angaran, LCSW, Counseling Associates, Gainesville, FL

Debra K. Carter, Ph.D., The National Cooperative Parenting Center, Bradenton, FL

Linda Fieldstone, M.Ed., Family Court Services, Miami, FL

3. Ethical Challenges for Family Lawyers (L)

Ethical quandaries for legal professionals involved in family law matters abound, and the answers are rarely simple or well defined. For example, what is the appropriate interaction between lawyers for parents and children and the neutral mental health experts? What role should the children's lawyer play in the financial aspect of a divorce action? When may family court judges discuss a pending case, and what limits are there? This workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to identify and respond to key issues, in both large group presentation and group discussions. This is a great opportunity for participants to share their own experiences and look at how professionals from different jurisdictions analyze the dilemmas that face practitioners every day.

Mary Ferriter, J.D., M.P.A., Esdaile, Barrett & Esdaile, Boston, MA

Nancy W. Olesen, Ph.D., San Rafael, CA

Hon. Hugh Starnes (ret.), Fort Myers, FL

4. Working with Children in Mediation (M)

While custody evaluators routinely interview children as part of their assessment, less than 16% of custody mediators do so. This workshop will help mediators gain current conceptual knowledge of children and the skills for working with them in the mediation process. Participants will explore the benefits of including children, at what point in the process to include them, and specific effective techniques for interviewing children, including setting the context, gathering information, and presenting the child's input to the parents. Major ethical issues involved when including children in divorce mediation work will also be discussed.

Donald Saposnek, Ph.D., Family Mediation Service, Aptos, CA

5. Defining Standards of Practice in Child Custody Evaluations (CE)

How do professional guidelines and standards of practice for child custody evaluators comport with the research? This workshop will examine this question by reviewing earlier research, then sharing the results of three new studies of child custody evaluators, family court judges and family court lawyers, conducted by the presenters. Practice standards and guidelines developed by AFCC, the American Psychological Association and the American Psychology-Law Society will be examined in light of research results.

Marc J. Ackerman, Ph.D., Wisconsin School of Professional Psychology, Milwaukee, WI

James N. Bow, Ph.D., ABPP, Hawthorn Center, Northville, MI

12:30pm-1:45pm Lunch (on your own)

2:00pm-5:00pm Workshops 6-10

6. Services for Self-represented Litigants (J)

This workshop will highlight innovations in addressing the needs of self-represented litigants. Presenters will first examine the growth of self-represented litigants, the challenges they create for judicial officers and effective responses to this growing concern. Part two of the workshop will look at the Second Judicial District Court case management procedures for self-represented litigants. The procedures are designed to address procedural issues from the beginning of the case to help it flow smoothly through the various hearings, to address procedural defects early, to reduce the number of continuances and to see that the cases are addressed to the point of completion rather than remain stalled because the litigant is unaware of the next step to take. The self-represented litigant program also allows the judicial officers to spend the time needed with self-represented litigants to assist them in resolving their issues if that is possible before setting a trial.

Hon. Karen Adam, Tucson, AZ

Hon. Maureen McKnight, Portland, OR

Egan Walker, Family Court Master, Reno, NV

Buffy Jo Dreiling, Family Court Master, Reno, NV

7. Ethical Issues for Parenting Coordinators (PC)

As a hybrid process, parenting coordination is replete with potential ethical dilemmas. Using real case scenarios and the AFCC Guidelines for Parenting Coordination, this highly interactive workshop will challenge attendees to discuss how they would reason their way through a series of ethical dilemmas and formulate creative constructive alternatives for action in each situation. Come prepared to participate and to share your own ethical PC questions.

Christine A. Coates, M.Ed., J.D., Boulder, CO

Arnold T. Shienvold, Ph.D., Riegler, Shienvold & Associates, Harrisburg, PA

8. The Various Uses of Violence in Intimate Relationships: Why the Differences Matter to Lawyers (L)

While all domestic violence is not the same, trying to differentiate between patterns of violence is challenging and may be dangerous with potentially lethal consequences. This interactive workshop will help attorneys who practice in family court better understand patterns of family violence. Participants will learn: (1) how to better tailor their representation to the context of the particular case; (2) how different uses of violence between intimate partners relate to custody and the best interest of the child; and (3) the attorney's appropriate ethical role in family court cases involving domestic violence and custody issues.

Billie Lee Dunford-Jackson, J.D., Reno, NV

Nancy Ver Steegh, J.D., M.S.W., William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN

9. Mediation Ethical Dilemmas (M)

Family and divorce mediators face myriad ethical dilemmas including challenges related to dual role issues, confidentiality, giving advice, making recommendations and other evaluative behaviors. Presenters in this workshop will review the Model Standards of Practice for Family and Divorce Mediation and, along with participants, critique some common ethical dilemmas. Participants will learn about how to use a decision making tree to help address and make informed decisions about ethical challenges in practice.

Clarence Cramer, M.A., Gilbert, AZ

Larry Fong, Ph.D., Fong, Ailon, Canniff, Calgary, AB, Canada

Kelly Browe Olson, J.D, LL.M., University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR

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10. Speaking for the Child: Using Attachment Theory to Design Child Custody Recommendations to Reduce Family Conflict (CE)

Recent advances in neurobiology provide support to the importance of the attachment relationship in infants and young children; it is important that professionals become familiar with this research and incorporate it into evaluations. This workshop will review advances in attachment theory and some “gold standard” measures of attachment behavior. Using videotaped examples, the workshop will then translate what elements of these measures may be useful in clinical interviews with parents and in parent-child observations. Participants will discuss how to craft these sections of the custody report and support findings. A case presentation of a custody evaluation with a young child will provide an example of designing recommendations that will assist in decreasing family conflict.

Jennifer Rhodes, Psy.D., Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

Evening

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9:00pm-12:00am

AFCC Hospitality Suite

AFCC Training Programs

Attachment, Alienation and Access: Advanced Interventions for Parenting Coordinators

Presenter: *Arnold Shienbold, Ph.D.*

September 30-October 1, 2009, Kansas City, Missouri

Parenting Coordination: Helping High Conflict Parents Resolve Disputes

Presenter: *Joan B. Kelly, Ph.D.*

December 7-8, 2009, Baltimore, Maryland

Advanced Issues in Child Custody: The Child's Perspective

Presenter: *Mindy Mitnick, M.Ed.*

December 9-10, 2009, Baltimore, Maryland

Parenting Coordination: Working with High Conflict Families

Presenter: *Christine A. Coates, M.Ed., J.D.*

February 22-23, 2010, Houston, Texas

Advanced Interventions for Parenting Coordinators

Presenter: *Arnold Shienbold, Ph.D.*

February 24-25, 2010, Houston, Texas

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8:00am-4:45pm

Registration

8:30am-9:00am

Coffee and Rolls

9:00am-12:00pm

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11. Parent Conflict and Intimate Partner Violence: An Integrated Approach for Evaluation and Forming Parenting Plans (J)

This workshop examines the overlap between high conflict and intimate partner violence (IPV) and reviews new research on parent conflict and the implications for parenting plans, new differentiation conceptual analysis and the research literature on IPV. Presenters will offer a new framework for considering IPV in the child custody context that moves beyond the categorical analysis, or builds a new conceptual layer that can provide more practical analysis for a case. A practitioner-friendly systematic assessment protocol will be presented. Case vignettes will be used for illustrative purposes.

William G. Austin, Ph.D., Steamboat Springs, CO

Leslie M. Drozd, Ph.D., Newport Beach, CA

James R. Flens, Psy.D., ABPP, Brandon, FL

12. Parenting Coordination in Cyberspace (PC)

One of the essential functions of the parenting coordinator is managing the child-focused information exchange between highly conflicted co-parents. Two cyberspace resources, email and online calendars, provide tools for PCs to structure, disengage and train conflicted co-parents to communicate more functionally, minimize conflict and coordinate the implementation of their shared parenting arrangements. This workshop will present current social science research on cyberspace communication and its specific applicability to conflict and Parenting Coordination practice. Case examples will be presented to demonstrate the value and pitfalls of working in cyberspace.

Matthew J. Sullivan, Ph.D., Palo Alto, CA

13. Family Law on Facebook: Ethics, Discovery and the Challenges of Practicing in an Electronic Age (L)

The twenty-first century has brought us Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, blogs, Web sites, and seemingly dozens of ways to connect through the Internet. How has this impacted the practice of family law? Are Facebook pages fair game for discovery? What online usage is relevant in custody proceedings? Are there limits to communicating with colleagues and friends when they are judges, lawyers or evaluators on the same case? What are the ethical pitfalls? What happens when professional and personal lives collide in cyberspace? This three-hour session will examine the challenge of working in an electronic age with examples of things to use and things to avoid.

Annette T. Burns, J.D., Phoenix, AZ

Edith A. Croxen, J.D., Tucson, AZ

14. Mediation and Domestic Abuse (M)

Identifying and addressing domestic abuse is a critical function for anyone conducting family and divorce mediation. Effective screening can play a critical role in a safe and effective mediation process. This session will assist mediators by discussing a definition of abuse for the purpose of screening; who should conduct screening; how screenings should be conducted, and whether or not to proceed with mediation if there is domestic abuse. Presenters will identify tools and techniques that mediators can use to work with victims and perpetrators of domestic violence in the mediation process and effective techniques for terminating mediation when necessary.

Richard L. Altman, J.D., Magistrate, Napoleon, OH

Loretta Frederick, J.D., Battered Women's Justice Project, Winona, MN

Victoria M. Van Meter, J.D., Reno, NV

15. Ethical Issues in Child Custody Evaluation Consultation (CE)

This interactive workshop will explore the emerging practice of child custody evaluation consultation. What are the considerations in setting up a consulting contract with an attorney? What are the limits of expert testimony? What is the appropriate role for a consultant when coaching a client? Do consultants have a responsibility to manage the tension between the needs of the client and the best interests of the children? Participants in this workshop will discuss these and other challenges using case vignettes and small group discussion.

Robin M. Deutsch, Ph.D., Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

S. Margaret Lee, Ph.D., Mill Valley, CA

Renee Lehr, J.D., Ph.D., Santa Monica, CA

12:00pm-1:30pm Luncheon

Luncheon Speaker: Mary Mentaberry, Executive Director, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

1:45pm-4:45pm Workshops 16-20

16. Therapeutic Reunification and its Application to High Conflict Divorce Cases (PC)

Reunification work in high conflict divorce cases is designed to facilitate and encourage communication between a parent and a child in an estranged or alienated situation. This workshop will review research on therapeutic reunification models and then discuss the application of therapeutic reunification in the context of high conflict divorce cases. Barriers to the reunification process will be identified along with strategies to increase the effectiveness of reunification. The importance of specific court orders and professional buy-in to the process will be discussed.

Rebecca F. Bailey, Ph.D., Glen Ellen, CA

JoAnn Lippert, Ph.D., Reno, NV

**17. Teaming up for Effective Intervention:
Making Court-Involved Therapy Work (J)**

The highest-conflict families require specialized models of treatment appropriate to the challenges they present. Court-referred parents often have longstanding problems that have been resistant to traditional treatment, while children's development is time-sensitive and may be vulnerable. Treatment models are needed that focus on specific, behavioral changes needed to shield children from parental conflict and promote healthy coping skills and relationships. The authority of the court may be needed to enhance motivation for change and compliance with treatment. This workshop will provide specific strategies for effective intervention, ranging from underlying treatment orders to specific therapeutic interventions in a variety of settings. Participants will have an opportunity to apply content material through case vignettes and discussion.

Lyn Greenberg, Ph.D., Los Angeles, CA

Hon. Linda S. Fidnick, Northampton, MA

Matthew J. Sullivan, Ph.D., Palo Alto, CA

**18. Representing Clients in Focused and
Early Neutral Evaluations (L)**

The increasing use of processes such as Early Neutral and Brief/Focused Evaluations has created challenges for lawyers who need to better understand the process to effectively represent and advise their clients. These processes rely on limited information on family history and dynamics to resolve parenting conflict and have been implemented in various jurisdictions in significantly different ways. This workshop is designed to assist lawyers in representing clients in these processes. Presenters will provide an overview of the processes, explore challenges of implementation, provide common critiques and identify specific strategies to help lawyers prepare their clients to participate effectively.

*Bill J. Fyfe, Ed.D., Columbine Counseling Center,
Lakewood, CO*

Jim Goetz, Minneapolis, MN

*Ann Gushurst, J.D., Gutterman & Griffiths,
Littleton, CO*

Hon. Tanja Manrique, Minneapolis, MN

**19. Pro-Active Strategies for Reducing
Co-Parenting Conflict (M)**

In working with co-parents, mediators have the opportunity to identify the stressors that lead to co-parenting conflicts. This workshop will discuss ways to help parents assess their potential conflicts and effective mediation strategies for developing parenting plans that reduce the potential for disruptive conflicts. The workshop will consist of minimal lecture time, using vignettes for group discussion and short small group role-plays.

Kathleen Bird, J.D., Liberty, MO

**20. Brief Focused Assessments: It's Not Just
for Court Services Any More (CE)**

Family Court Judges are often forced to make decisions absent sufficient, credible information, particularly in *pro per* cases. Brief Focused Assessments (BFA) are emerging within conciliation services and private practice settings as an innovative model to meet the needs of the courts, attorneys, and litigants when a comprehensive custody evaluation is not necessary, or limited financial resources exist. This workshop examines efforts in Nevada and Arizona to implement programs in collaboration with the courts. Presenters will discuss private practitioner efforts to develop and implement a BFA model and present an Arizona model of triaging evaluation referrals in a court-connected program.

April Bay, Ph.D., Reno, NV

*Grace Hawkins, M.S.W., Director, Family Center of the
Conciliation Court, Tucson, AZ*

John Moran, Ph.D., Scottsdale, AZ

Deborah Ribnick, Ph.D., Reno, NV

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

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TRAVERSING THE TRAIL OF ALIENATION: Rocky Relationships, Mountains of Emotion, Mile High Conflict

Alienation and high conflict present some of the most insurmountable challenges for professionals who work with separating and divorcing families. Join AFCC for a look at innovations and interventions for addressing our most difficult work.

All proposals must be submitted using the online form at www.afccnet.org and are due no later than **OCTOBER 5, 2009**. You may pick one of the topics listed below or submit a proposal on any idea related to the conference theme.

Domestic Violence
Parenting Coordination
Social Science Research
Innovative ADR Techniques
Family Court Services
Mediation

Cultural Competence
Child Custody Evaluation
Negotiation Skills
Collaborative Law
Advanced Practice Skills
Family Law Practice

Judicial Skills and Interventions
Child Welfare Dispute Resolution
Financial Issues
Pro Se Litigants
Representing Children
Case Management

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN EMAIL CONFIRMING RECEIPT OF YOUR PROPOSAL WITHIN ONE WEEK OF SUBMISSION, CONTACT AFCC BY TELEPHONE AT (608) 664-3750.

AFCC is accepting proposals for *ninety-minute workshop sessions*. To submit a workshop proposal at www.afccnet.org, please include the following information: (1) an abstract of 250 words or less describing your proposed workshop; (2) a workshop title and an 80-100 word "program ready" abstract for the conference brochure; (3) a one-page outline of your proposed workshop; (4) three learning objectives that will be addressed by your proposed workshop; (5) complete contact information for all proposed presenters; (6) resumes for all proposed presenters; (7) the name of the person who will be coordinating your workshop; and (8) contact information for two professional references.

Maximum of four presenters per workshop. Please note that the deadline for proposals is October 5, 2009. AFCC is unable to guarantee consideration of incomplete proposals or those submitted after the deadline. AFCC offers a reduced registration rate for conference presenters but is unable to reimburse for travel and related expenses. All proposals must be submitted via www.afccnet.org. Please direct any questions to (608) 664-3750 or afcc3@afccnet.org.

Travel and Lodging Information

Hotel Information

Peppermill Resort Spa Casino
2707 S. Virginia Street
Reno, NV 89502

The Peppermill Resort Spa Casino recently completed a \$400 million Tuscan-themed expansion, adding the Tuscany Tower, a three-story European-style Spa, a nightclub and additional restaurants. Hotel information can be found at peppermillreno.com. Arrive early or extend your stay—Lake Tahoe is less than an hour away and offers a variety of adventurous and scenic opportunities. Reno and Lake Tahoe information is available at www.visitrenotahoe.com.

Conference attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations and will receive the special rate of **\$99.00** per night for single or double accommodations. New Tuscany Tower rooms are available at \$149.00 per night. Rooms are subject to availability and a limited number of rooms have been reserved at the special rate; therefore, *early registrations are encouraged*. Please make your reservations by calling the toll-free reservation number at (800) 282-2444. It is imperative that you identify yourself with AFCC or provide the group code AFCC09 when you make your reservation in order to receive the special rate. On Sunday, October 4, 2009, any un-reserved rooms remaining in the block will be released to the public for general sale and the special group rate may not be available after this date.

Airline Travel

Reno-Tahoe International Airport (RNO) is located less than five miles from the Peppermill Resort. Major airlines include Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta/Northwest Airlines, Horizon Air, Southwest, United and U.S. Airways. Burkhalter Travel, AFCC's preferred

travel agency, is available to assist you with the best rates for your transportation needs. Contact Burkhalter Travel at (800) 688-0156 or (608) 255-2774 and ask for Kirk or Carol.

Free Ground Transportation

Complimentary hotel shuttles depart every half hour beginning at 4:15am and continuing until 11:45pm. The Peppermill shuttle picks up at the North exit of the baggage claim area, outside the D doors. Taxi fare from the airport to the hotel is \$10-\$15.

Rental Car Information

Rental car counters are located in baggage claim, with convenient access to Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz and National just outside baggage claim in the parking structure. Thrifty vehicles are located off airport property and a complimentary shuttle services to Thrifty's location can be met at the North exit of the baggage claim area, outside the D doors. Additionally, Hertz provides convenient pick up and return at the Peppermill Resort counter located next to Valet, open daily from 8am to 5pm.

Free Parking

The Peppermill Resort Spa Casino offers free parking for hotel guests, with easy access to the parking garage in addition to complimentary valet parking.

Climate

Reno has a moderate climate with four distinct seasons. Average daytime temperatures in early November will be mid-50's, dropping lower in the evening. Be sure to pack a light jacket or sweater for indoors, as meeting rooms and restaurants may be slightly cool.

Web sites to help plan your stay in Reno

General Reno/Tahoe information:
www.visitrenotahoe.com

An interactive Reno/Tahoe brochure:
<http://extendrenotahoe.com>

The National Automobile Museum:
www.automuseum.org

The Nevada Museum of Art:
www.nevadaart.org

Lake Tahoe:
www.visitinglaketahoe.com

Fleischman Planetarium and Science Center:
www.planetarium.unr.edu

Truckee River Walk:
www.renoriver.org

Peppermill Resort Spa Casino:
www.peppermillreno.com

Of Special Note

Continuing Education Credits

AFCC will provide a certificate of conference attendance for a processing fee of \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. *The certificate will verify attendance at conference sessions and may be used to apply for continuing education credits with the registrant's accrediting institution.* A complete list of conference sessions eligible for continuing education credits will be available at the AFCC registration desk.

Psychologists: AFCC is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. AFCC maintains responsibility for the program and its content. The program offers up to 20 continuing education credit hours for psychologists.

Mediators: All mediation sessions are eligible for continuing education units through the Association for Conflict Resolution.

Mental Health Professionals: Continuing education approval from the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is pending; however, individuals will need to verify approval with their credentialing or licensing boards. An application will be submitted to the California Board of Behavioral Sciences for approval to offer courses, including this conference program, to California MFTs and LCSWs for continuing education.

Lawyers: Approval for CLE hours is pending through the State Bar of Nevada. Upon approval, Uniform Certificates of Attendance will be provided for out-of-state attorneys.

California Custody Evaluators and Mediators:

Approval is pending through the Judicial Council of CA, Administrative Office of the Courts. Once approved, California custody evaluators and mediators may satisfy part of the required 8 hours of annual continuing education under California Rules of Court, 5.225, 5.210 and 5.518. The views expressed in the program are those of the faculty and do not necessarily represent the official positions or policies of the Judicial Council of CA or the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Audio Recordings

Full Conference Audio CD ROMs (mp3) and FULL ACCESS conference downloads will be available for PRE-CONFERENCE PURCHASE. Orders placed and paid for before November 5, 2009 will receive a special discounted

price of \$99. (\$150 on-site) To place your order, go to www.dcporder.com/afcc. Individual audio CDs may also be ordered if you prefer to mix and match.

Conference Scholarships

Thanks to the outstanding support of AFCC members who contributed to the AFCC Scholarship Fund, a limited number of scholarships will be awarded for the Regional Training Conference. Scholarships include registration fees for the conference, one full-day pre-conference institute and three nights' hotel in a standard room. Recipients are responsible for funding any additional expenses. The scholarship application is available on the AFCC Web site at www.afccnet.org. The application deadline is September 15, 2009.

Hospitality Suite

The Hospitality Suite will be open for informal networking and refreshment Thursday and Friday, 9:00pm-12:00am (midnight). Please wear your name badge. The Hospitality Suite location will be posted at the conference registration desk.

Dine Arounds

Sign up on site to join friends and colleagues on Friday evening at a local restaurant. Restaurant descriptions and menus will be available with sign-up sheets in the conference registration area. Participants are responsible for food, beverage and any transportation costs.

Special Needs

If you have special meal requests or other special needs, please note this on the registration form. The Peppermill has accommodations for the physically challenged; please notify them of your needs when making your reservations. To obtain a wheelchair or scooter during your stay, place your order with Med Tech at (775) 826-2022 and the equipment will be delivered to the Peppermill's Bell Desk for your arrival.

Room Sharing

If you would like to share a room, check the box on the registration form. Your name will be placed on a list that will be provided to others of the same gender who request roommate information. Roommates are responsible for contacting one another and making hotel reservations.



Join AFCC Today!

AFCC is the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, an interdisciplinary and international association of professionals dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through the resolution of family conflict. AFCC members include judges, lawyers, mediators, psychologists, custody evaluators, parenting coordinators, social workers, parent educators, researchers and others.

AFCC implemented a PRICE FREEZE in 2008 on AFCC conferences, institutes, trainings, publications and membership dues for all members until at least 2010. Join with the conference, save \$10 on membership and another \$70 or more registering for the conference at the member rate.

AFCC Member Benefits Include:

- **Family Court Review**, AFCC's quarterly academic and research journal in print and electronic format.
- **Online Member Directory** of nearly 4,000 colleagues worldwide.
- **Free Online Conference Audio** in the Member Center of the AFCC Web site.
- **AFCC Print and Electronic Newsletters** keep members current with the latest developments in the field.
- **Parenting Coordination (PC) Network**, a group email networking list for AFCC members.
- **AFCC Court Services email group**, a networking list for anyone interested in issues pertaining to family court service agencies.
- **Member Discounts** on conferences, training programs, publications and insurance.

Are You a Member Yet?

Join AFCC when you register for the conference and receive a one-year membership for only \$140—a \$10 discount—and register at the AFCC member rate. For more information, visit www.afccnet.org.

Registration Information

New Member Special: Join AFCC when you register for the conference and receive a twelve-month membership for \$140—a \$10 discount—and save even more by registering at the member rate! To join, simply circle the New Member Special rate on the conference registration form. The New Member Special is available only to first-time AFCC members.

Pre-conference Institute: Includes attendance at one Pre-conference Institute, refreshment breaks and institute materials. *Institute registration is separate from the registration for the full conference.*

Conference Registration: Includes all conference sessions and materials, refreshment breaks, reception, luncheon and Hospitality Suite. *A separate registration fee is required for Pre-conference Institutes.*

Spouse/Guest Registration: Available only to a spouse, significant other or personal friend, not a business associate or staff colleague, accompanying a full conference registrant. Includes opening session, reception, luncheon and Hospitality Suite only.

Conference Presenter Registration: Available only to conference presenters. Includes all conference sessions and materials, reception, luncheon and Hospitality Suite. *A separate registration fee is required for conference presenters who wish to attend Pre-conference Institutes.*

Full-time Student Registration: Includes admission to all conference sessions only. Meal functions are not included. *Separate registration is required for Pre-conference Institutes.* Registration must include proof of full-time student status.

Certificate of Attendance: AFCC will provide a certificate indicating total hours attended at the conference opening session, workshops and institutes for a minimal processing fee of \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. To sign up, circle Certificate of Attendance on the conference registration form. Forms will be available at the AFCC registration desk and will include Continuing Education information.

Additional Luncheon Tickets: Saturday's luncheon is included in the conference registration fee. Additional luncheon tickets are available for \$25.

Registration Form

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Please register by September 30, 2009 to ensure that your name appears on the conference attendee list in the conference materials.

Register online at www.afccnet.org

Please type or print clearly. This form may be duplicated.

First Name, (Dr. / Mr. / Ms.) _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____ Degree _____

Badge Information: First name or nickname (as you would like it to appear on your name badge) _____

Title/Profession _____ Organization _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Name of Spouse/Guest _____

(If spouse or guest is registering at Spouse/Guest rate below)

Is this your first AFCC Conference? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I would like to be listed for a roommate:

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Smoking ☐ Non-smoking

Do you have any special needs?

☐ Meals ☐ Access ☐ Other

Please provide details: _____

Please circle appropriate amount(s)
below and total at the bottom

	Paid by Oct. 13	Paid After Oct. 13
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AFCC Member Rates

Pre-conference Institute	\$130	\$150
Conference Registration	\$270	\$300
Certificate of Attendance	\$ 10	\$ 10

Non-Member Rates

Pre-conference Institute	\$155	\$175
Conference Registration	\$315	\$350
Certificate of Attendance	\$ 15	\$ 15

Other Registration Rates

Conference Presenter	\$175	\$195
Full-time Student (I.D. required, meals not included)	\$175	\$195
Spouse/Guest (meals and opening session only)	\$175	\$175
Additional Luncheon Ticket	\$ 25	\$ 25

TOTAL: \$ _____ \$ _____

Registrations must be paid in full prior to attendance.

☐ Payment of \$ _____ is enclosed (U.S. currency only please)

☐ Please charge \$ _____ to my credit card

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Card Number _____ Exp. Date ____ / ____

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Purchase Order # _____

Professional Tracks:

L = Lawyers

M = Mediators

PC = Parenting Coordinators

J = Judicial Officers

CE = Custody Evaluators

Pre-conference Institute Selections

Thursday, November 5, 2009, 9:00am-4:30pm

If you have registered for an institute, please check only one of the following:

- ☐ 1. Children in Court (J, L)
- ☐ 2. Challenging the Culture of Conflict: Advanced Parenting Coordination Strategies and Interventions (PC)
- ☐ 3. Conducting Brief Assessments (CE)
- ☐ 4. Advanced Mediation Techniques: Cognitive Behavioral Problem Solving and the Art of the Question (M)

Workshop Selections (You may select workshops from one track or mix and match. Please check one workshop number per time slot.)

		(L)	(M)	(PC)	(J)	(CE)
Friday, November 6	9:30am-12:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Friday, November 6	2:00pm-5:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 10
Saturday, November 7	9:00am-12:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 13	<input type="checkbox"/> 14	<input type="checkbox"/> 12	<input type="checkbox"/> 11	<input type="checkbox"/> 15
Saturday, November 7	1:45pm-4:45pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 18	<input type="checkbox"/> 19	<input type="checkbox"/> 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 17	<input type="checkbox"/> 20

You may register online at www.afccnet.org or return the completed form and payment to:

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6525 Grand Teton Plaza

Madison, WI 53719

Phone: (608) 664-3750

Fax: (608) 664-3751

Cancellation Policy: Transfer of registration to another person may be done at any time without a fee. All requests for refunds must be made in writing. Written notice of cancellation received by fax or postmarked by October 19, 2009 will be issued a full refund minus a \$60 service fee. Written notice received by fax or postmarked by October 26, 2009 will have the \$60 service fee deducted and the balance will be issued as a credit for future AFCC conferences, publications or membership dues. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after October 26, 2009.

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