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Attachment, child development, shared parenting, domestic violence, rights of parents and needs of children, high conflict families and other challenges related to separation and divorce often seem as though they are constantly on a collision course. This conference features the leading experts in family law, attachment, child development, relocation, alienation, domestic violence and more. Join them for sessions examining the implications of the most difficult issues in our work as well as for sessions to improve your everyday practice:

- Balancing attachment constructs for young children in family law decision making
- Providing domestic abuse perpetrators with ethical and effective legal representation
- Findings from brain science research on the role of attachment relationships in childhood development
- Preparing a client for a custody evaluation
- When to “pull the plug” on the parenting coordination process
- Practical strategies for the busy judge
- The ongoing debate on overnights and infants
- Improving court-connected mediation programs with limited resources
- Managing the impossible client
- Juridogenic damage to children
- Assessing a child’s preference to live with a batterer
- Protocols for emergency interventions in family court

But wait, there’s more!

If you still need additional reasons to attend this conference, how about:

- **Reports on new research findings** on child informed mediation, a group program for high conflict parents; an online coping program for children of divorce; an education/mediation intervention; and judicial interviews of children.
- Networking with researchers, authors, trainers and other leaders in the field.
- **Up to 21 hours of continuing education credit** for lawyers, psychologists, mediators, custody evaluators, counselors and social workers (see p. 31 for details).
- With 90 conference sessions there is something for everyone!
- Did we mention **The Second City Improv All Stars?**

Apply for a Conference Scholarship

For more than a decade, the AFCC Resource Development Committee has sponsored a scholarship program for AFCC conferences. Thanks to the generous support of AFCC members, we are offering nearly 40 conference scholarships for the 49th Annual Conference. Scholarships cover the cost of registration for the conference, a pre-conference institute and certificate of attendance. A limited number of scholarships include a stipend to assist with the cost of travel and lodging. The online application is available on the AFCC website; see page 31 for details. Applications must be submitted by March 1, 2012.

Chicago

The Hyatt Regency Chicago is ideally located less than a block from Michigan Avenue and the Chicago Riverwalk, and a short walk from Millennium Park, the Magnificent Mile and Lake Michigan. Many of Chicago’s finest restaurants, attractions, theaters, shopping and nightspots are within walking distance or a short cab ride from the hotel. The Hyatt Regency Chicago recently completed a \$90 million renovation, including a complete remodel of its guest rooms, suites and corridors. Public transportation is readily accessible; the hotel is near the State and Lake L-Train stop.

“The best part of the AFCC annual conference was the high energy of the participants and presenters alike.

The enthusiasm was contagious! Of the many professional association conferences that I have attended, the AFCC was the most enlivening!

I look forward to being more involved over the years.”

— Bhakti Cohen, EdS, LMFT, Gainesville, FL

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Invitation from the President

On behalf of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, I am pleased to invite you to join AFCC for the 49th Annual Conference: *Attachment, Brain Science and Children and Divorce: The ABCDs of Child Development for Family Law*. The great city of Chicago is an exciting place to hold this year's conference.

Chicago! The Hyatt Regency Chicago is located in the middle of it all, overlooking both the Chicago River and Lake Michigan, with everything you could wish for within walking distance. The Magnificent Mile, world class shopping and restaurants are just steps to the north, the Art Institute, Millennium Park, Grant Park and the museum campus are within a stone's throw in the other direction. Fabulous food, amazing architecture, Midwest hospitality and beautiful June weather, all at a newly remodeled hotel with an extraordinary room rate of \$185 per night. And what better way to start off a Chicago conference than with an *opening night performance by The Second City Improv All-Stars!* Make your hotel reservations early; the room block will almost certainly sell out.

Attachment, Child Development and Family Law

We can be proud that AFCC does not shy away from controversial subjects and recognizes that our collective understandings lead to meaningful resolutions. This year is no exception, as AFCC confronts one of the most challenging issues that family law professionals address. Our conference will build on the discussion that began in the July 2011 *Family Court Review* Special Issue on Attachment Theory, Separation and Divorce. Prominent experts in the field will explore:

- Findings from brain science on the role of attachment in childhood development;
- Controversies around overnights and parenting schedules for very young children;
- Tensions between the need for attachment security against social values and other developmental priorities; and
- The risks and benefits of prioritizing attachment constructs for young children in family law decision making.

We hope that, as in past years, this conference will serve as a springboard for discussion and provide an opportunity for us to examine the issues, learn from one another and integrate our collective knowledge in search of better research, practice and policy. The questions we face are not easy and thus inevitably result in differences of opinion. It is an enormous strength of AFCC, and a tribute to our members, that over the years these differences have been bridged and we have united around solutions to the challenges facing children and families.

AFCC extends its gratitude to Chicago's **Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP** for its generous sponsorship of our opening night performance, The Second City Improv All Stars, and for its long time support of AFCC and its mission.

AFCC is grateful for the support of all of our Conference Sponsors, including our **Platinum Sponsor: American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers—Illinois Chapter**; Gold Sponsors: Complete Equity Markets, Inc., Berger Schatz and www.OurFamilyWizard.com; Silver Sponsors: National Cooperative Parenting Center and Feinberg & Barry, PC; and Local Sponsors: Judge Karen G. Shields (Ret.); Loyola Civitas ChildLaw Center; Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois, Mediation Council of Illinois and Resolution Systems Institute/Center for Conflict Resolution.

Please join us in Chicago for what we are confident will be a fun, rewarding and illuminating experience.

Sincerely,

Linda Fieldstone
AFCC President

Conference at a Glance

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012

6:00pm-8:00pm Conference Registration

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2012

7:30am-7:00pm Conference Registration
 8:00am-5:00pm Exhibitor Forum
 8:00am-9:00am Coffee and Rolls for Institute Registrants
 9:00am-4:30pm Pre-conference Institutes
 12:00pm-4:30pm AFCC Board of Directors Meeting
 6:00pm-7:00pm Welcome Reception
 7:00pm-8:00pm *The Second City Improv All Stars*
 9:00pm-12:00am AFCC Hospitality Suite

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012

6:30am-7:15am Yoga
 7:15am-8:15am AFCC Chapter Council Meeting
 7:30am-5:00pm Conference Registration
 7:30am-5:00pm Exhibitor Forum
 7:30am-8:30am Coffee and Rolls
 8:30am-5:00pm Poster Gallery
 8:30am-10:00am Opening Session
 10:00am-10:30am Break and Exhibitor Forum
 10:30am-12:00pm Workshops 1-10
 12:00pm-1:30pm AFCC Awards Luncheon
 1:30pm-3:00pm Workshops 11-20
 3:00pm-3:15pm Break and Exhibitor Forum
 3:15pm-4:45pm Workshops 21-31
 3:15pm-5:45pm Workshop 32—Judicial Officers Forum
 5:00pm-6:00pm Open Forum—Custody Evaluation and Domestic Violence Task Force
 6:00pm-7:00pm Mentor Networking
 Evening Taste of Chicago
 9:00pm-12:00am AFCC Hospitality Suite

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2012

6:30am-7:15am Yoga
 7:15am-8:15am AFCC Committee Meetings
 7:30am-5:00pm Conference Registration
 7:30am-5:00pm Exhibitor Forum
 7:30am-5:00pm Poster Gallery
 7:30am-8:30am Coffee and Rolls
 8:30am-10:00am Plenary Session
 10:00am-10:30am Break and Exhibitor Forum
 10:30am-12:00pm Plenary Session
 12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch on your own and Exhibitor Forum
 12:00pm-1:30pm *Family Court Review* Editorial Board Meeting
 1:30pm-3:00pm Workshops 33-44
 3:00pm-3:15pm Break and Exhibitor Forum
 3:15pm-4:45pm Workshops 45-56
 5:30pm-7:00pm Silent Auction and Reception
 7:00pm-9:00pm AFCC Annual Banquet
 9:00pm-12:00am AFCC Hospitality Suite

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2012

6:30am-7:15am Yoga
 7:30am-12:30pm Conference Registration
 8:00am-12:30pm Exhibitor Forum
 8:00am-12:30pm Poster Gallery
 8:00am-9:00am Coffee and Rolls
 8:00am-9:00am AFCC Membership Meeting
 9:15am-10:45am Workshops 57-68
 10:45am-11:00am Break and Exhibitor Forum
 11:00am-12:30pm Workshops 69-80

Pre-conference Institutes

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2012

9:00am-4:30pm

1. Attachment in the Courtroom

Designed for both mental health professionals and attorneys, this institute will focus on how to effectively testify as a neutral evaluator; how to critique a colleague in a useful and respectful manner; and how attorneys can develop an effective trial strategy to support or debunk expert testimony in the area of attachment. Presenters will review a child custody evaluation focusing on key legal and mental health issues and then present a mock trial. Testimony and discussion periods will be alternated to address controversial issues.

S. Margaret Lee, PhD, Mill Valley, CA

Lorie S. Nachlis, JD, Nachlis & Fink, San Francisco, CA

Robert S. Marvin, PhD, Mary D. Ainsworth Child-Parent Attachment Clinic, Charlottesville, VA

Ginger C. Calloway, PhD, Raleigh, NC

2. Child Sexual Abuse in High Conflict Custody Disputes

Presenters in this institute will identify the components of and the process for conducting psychologically and legally sound parenting plan evaluations when allegations of child sexual abuse are present in litigated parenting plan cases. The issue of family court judges taking a more balanced approach in their attempt to protect children, alleged to have been sexually abused, until the forensic evaluation is complete will be discussed. The discussion will address the identification of which parent presents a danger to the child in these complex cases.

Kathryn Kuehnle, PhD, Indian Shores, FL

H.D. Kirkpatrick, PhD, Charlotte, NC

Hon. Diane M. Palos, Cleveland, OH

Charles D. Jamieson, JD, West Palm Beach, FL

3. Relocation Disputes: Applying Research to Practice

Relocation cases are often considered among the most difficult and challenging for attorneys, mediators, child custody evaluators and judges. Until recently, there has been little research to guide decisions and professionals often use arguments that have marginal validity. In this interactive institute, the presenters will highlight the latest research—much of which is coming out of New Zealand, Australia and Great Britain—and then they will comprehensively identify strategies for integrating these findings for the benefit of different professional roles.

Judy Cashmore, MEd, PhD, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

Patrick Parkinson, MA, LL.M., University of Sydney, President, International Society of Family Law, Sydney, Australia

Philip M. Stahl, PhD, ABPP, The Steve Frankel Group, Queen Creek, AZ

Nicola Taylor, LL.B., PhD, University of Otago Centre for Research on Children and Families, Auckland, New Zealand

4. Judicial Officers Institute: New Developments for the 1980 Parental Child Abduction Convention—The Sixth Special Commission

In June 2011 and January 2012, the Permanent Bureau at the Hague convened the Sixth Special Commission Meeting; delegations from 45 countries attended, including judges, central authorities, academics and numerous non-governmental organizations. Participants discussed emerging trends and issues concerning implementation of the 1980 Convention on the Civil Aspects of Parental Child Abduction. The agenda focused on judicial communications,

relocation, alternative dispute resolution and domestic violence issues. This institute will focus on these major developments, the role of international network judges, hearing the voice of the child, and commonly litigated defenses asserted during access and return cases, as well as recent significant case law. Audience discussion and participation will be invited through the use of case studies.

Hon. Robyn Diamond, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Hon. Eberhard Carl, Ministry of Justice, Bensheim, Germany

Miguel Firpi, PhD, Miami, FL

Hon. Victoria Bennett, Melbourne, Australia

5. Zealous Advocacy and Best Interests: Ethical Dilemmas and the Practice of Family Law

Family lawyers must reconcile the best interests of children with the need to represent their clients and work with mental health professionals to achieve that goal. This institute will focus on that working relationship, first by exploring case studies that raise ethical concerns for lawyers and/or mental health professionals using a town hall format and computer polling software. Part two of the institute will focus specifically on the ethical dilemmas that may arise when interacting with or cross examining custody evaluators. This will be a fully participatory session with demonstrations and audience discussion.

Cary J. Mogergerman, JD, Zerman Mogergerman, St. Louis, MO

Stacey E. Platt, JD, Loyola University-Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL

Andrew I. Shepard, JD, Hofstra Law School, Hempstead, NY

Jeffrey P. Wittmann, PhD, The Center for Forensic Psychology, Albany, NY

6. Advanced Parenting Coordination: Developing Trends, Applying Research and Challenging Practice Issues

This institute is designed for parenting coordinators with prior PC training. The discussion will include a focus on emerging trends and core differences in models and practice; understanding and using new and relevant social science research on quality of parenting and high conflict to promote positive behavioral changes in parents; the rationale and process for incorporating children's voices in the parenting coordination process; ethical dilemmas; and group analyses of complex dispute scenarios intended to help PCs shape priorities and make appropriate recommendations and decisions in families with multiple problems.

Barbara Jo Fidler, PhD, Toronto, ON, Canada

Joan B. Kelly, PhD, Corte Madera, CA

7. Mediating Our Most Challenging Cases: Strategies, Interventions and Frameworks

The most difficult cases are often also the most rewarding ones. Whether dealing with high conflict couples, intractable issues, or disputes rooted in identity and value conflicts, the best thinking and most creative intervention strategies are needed. This institute will look at three challenges that are characteristic of the most difficult cases: enduring conflicts that are not amenable to resolution, high conflict disputants who are more comfortable and adept at fighting than at cooperating, and identity-based disputes. In particular, how to help people confront the genuine nature of the conflict, how to establish effective and durable channels of communication, how to promote the effective and constructive use of power, and how to approach the mediation process with an understanding of both the long term and immediate challenges that disputants and mediators face will be discussed.

Bernard S. Mayer, PhD, Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, Kingsville, ON, Canada

Christine A. Coates, MEd, JD, Boulder, CO

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THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012

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7:15am-8:15am	Chapter Council Meeting
7:30am-5:00pm	Conference Registration
7:30am-5:00pm	Exhibitor Forum
7:30am-8:30pm	Coffee and Rolls
8:30am-5:00pm	Poster Gallery
8:30am-10:00am	Opening Session

*Welcome: Linda Fieldstone, MEd, AFCC President, Miami, FL
Hon. Grace G. Dickler, Presiding Judge, Cook County Domestic Relations Court, Chicago, IL*

Attachment and Brain Development: The Micro Context

This session begins a three-part plenary series and focuses on the micro-foundations of brain development. Leading neuroscience expert, Professor Allan Schore, will summarize current findings from brain science on the role of attachment relationships in childhood development. Presenters will then examine the important questions this information poses in the context of family law and child custody disputes.

*Allan N. Schore, PhD, Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences, University of California at Los Angeles, CA
Federal Magistrate Dr. Tom Altobelli, Sydney, Australia
Moderator: Robin M. Deutsch, PhD, Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, Boston, MA*

10:00am-10:30am Break and Exhibitor Forum



10:30am-12:00pm Workshops 1-10

1. Attachment in Child Custody Evaluations: An Emerging Methodology

Although there is an emerging literature on the use of child-parent attachment measures in custody evaluations, such tools are not typically part of the testing battery. Through a case study, this workshop will demonstrate how an evaluation of a young child can be enhanced with the inclusion of attachment measures. Presenters will focus on the Strange Situation, an observational procedure with the child and each parent. They will also comment on the use of two adult attachment measures, the Adult Attachment Picture Projective System and the Caregiving Interview, and present the judicial perspective.

Marla B. Isaacs, PhD, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Carol George, PhD, Mills College, Oakland, CA

Hon. Katherine L. Platt, West Chester, PA

Robert S. Marvin, PhD, Mary D. Ainsworth Child-Parent Attachment Clinic, Charlottesville, VA

2. Temperament: The Missing Link in Attachment Research

The October 2001 issue of *Family Court Review* presented two diametrically opposed positions derived from attachment research on the wisdom of overnights with young children. In the July 2011 *Family Court Review* special issue, this matter appeared, to some, to be resolved by current research on the side of a single primary attachment and no overnights with the other parent. This workshop will elaborate on the concept of temperament as an interactional notion that helps account for the discrepant conclusions from the attachment research.

Donald T. Saposnek, PhD, Family Mediation Service, Aptos, CA

3. Hands on the Steering Wheel: Navigating Forensic Mental Health Ethical Dilemmas

What are the hidden ethical obstacles when working in today's forensic mental health roles? How do professionals navigate to an ethical resolution or, as a legal professional, understand the decisions of mental health colleagues? Using a vignette format to facilitate audience discussion, panelists will guide participants through ethical decision making, actively demonstrating an approach that considers ethical, legal, clinical and risk management issues. Mental health and legal professional attendees will increase their conceptualization of mental health ethical dilemmas and gain substantive familiarity with relevant ethics standards and practice guidelines.

Lindsay Childress-Beatty, JD, PhD, Deputy Director and Director of Adjudication, American Psychological Association Ethics Office, Washington, DC

James N. Bow, PhD, ABPP, Wayne State University Physician Group, Livonia, MI

4. Getting Out of Dodge: When to Pull the Plug on Parenting Coordination Clients

What is the difference between a challenging but manageable case and one where the dynamics or behaviors indicate that the PC needs to withdraw? This workshop will highlight indicators that the parenting coordinator service may be contra-indicated or irrelevant, or where the service provider is at increased risk of professional liability or personal safety. Presenters will outline steps to remediate, document decision-making processes and/or exit without exacerbating the situation.

Siri Gottlieb, JD, MSW, The Cooperative Parenting Center, Ann Arbor, MI

Gary Direnfeld, MSW, Dundas, ON, Canada

Hon. George Czutrin, Toronto, ON, Canada

Christine A. Coates, MEd, JD, Boulder, CO

5. Representing Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse: Meeting Your Ethical Obligations While Preventing Future Violence and Damage to Children

Best practice for family lawyers requires screening for and attention to domestic abuse and coercive control. However, knowing the client has been abusive complicates representation as attorneys struggle to meet their ethical obligation to represent their clients, to comply with the prohibition against perpetrating a fraud on the court, the need to keep client confidences and uphold attorney-client privilege and, for some attorneys, an interest in preventing harm to the children. The dilemmas these cases present are compounded when the attorney believes the client presents a real threat to the other party or the children. This workshop will explore how lawyers can best address these issues.

Loretta M. Frederick, JD, Battered Women's Justice Project, Winona, MN

Hon. Maureen McKnight, Portland, OR

Michael Dittberner, JD, Linder, Dittberner & Bryant, Ltd., Edina, MN

Larry Bennett, PhD, Professor, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL

6. Do Family Law Professionals Have Privacy Rights?

How do the privacy rights of professionals interact with a litigant's right to discovery? How might such information be sought and what, if any, protections are available to the professional? What limits should be placed on exploration of a professional's personal life and would such limits necessarily prevent counsel from discovering or exposing bias? Does the professional who seeks privacy protection automatically disqualify him/herself from the case? How are these issues likely to be viewed by the court? This multidisciplinary panel will explore these issues and more.

Robert A. Simon, PhD, Del Mar, CA

Hon. Dianna Gould-Saltman, Pasadena, CA

Lyn R. Greenberg, PhD, Los Angeles, CA

Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis, Los Angeles, CA

7. Working with Never-Married Parents

Parents who have not married one another are a diverse group with unique needs. They may have had no actual relationship or may have been a couple for an extended period of time. Lawyers, evaluators and judicial officers need to know how to represent these clients, how to assess each case, and how decisions may be similar and different from cases with married parents. This presentation will take a multidisciplinary look at these issues through relevant research, case law and case examples.

Mindy F. Mitnick, MA, EdM, Uptown Mental Health Center, Edina, MN

Mary Madden, JD, Family Court Referee, Hennepin County Family Court, Minneapolis, MN

Zachary Kretchmer, JD, Niemi, Jerabek & Kretchmer, Minneapolis, MN

8. From Courts to Constructive Communication: A Collaborative Mediation and Family Conflict Focused Prevention Program

Destructive conflict between parents has an important relationship to children's maladjustment during the divorce process. The stress of adversarial litigation is known to contribute to conflict. Parents who engage in mediation report less hostility in the custody process than those who utilize only litigation. This workshop will report on research that pairs mediation with a psycho-educational prevention program to reduce conflict, geared towards supporting families struggling in the courts over custody arrangements. The approach will be described and preliminary findings regarding inter-adult relations and child outcomes discussed.

E. Mark Cummings, PhD, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

Julie N. Schatz, PhD, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

9. Judicial Interviews and Meetings with Children: Guidelines and Goals

The province of Ontario, like many other jurisdictions, has legislation permitting judicial interviews for the purpose of determining the views of the child in custody and access cases. The law is permissive rather than mandatory and is unaccompanied by guidelines. A committee composed of judges, lawyers and mental health professionals in Ontario has been engaged in the production of draft guidelines for judicial interviews of children in custody and access cases. Presenters in this workshop will review the substance and process of these draft guidelines and will discuss their implications for Ontario and other jurisdictions.

Martha McCarthy, LLB, BCL, Martha McCarthy & Company, Toronto, ON, Canada

Dan Goldberg, LLB, BCL, Office of the Children's Lawyer, Toronto, ON, Canada

Hon. Gail Perlman (Ret.), Northampton, MA

Hon. Alan P. Ingram, Peterborough, ON, Canada

10. Intimate Partner Violence, Relocation, Gatekeeping and Child Custody Evaluation

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is frequently the most salient issue in a child custody dispute and custody evaluation. Presenters in this workshop will describe and integrate several conceptual frameworks and forensic models for understanding IPV, parental gatekeeping and relocation. The law on how IPV is addressed throughout the US will be described, and practical and safety issues in crafting parenting plans will be discussed from the gatekeeping perspective.

William G. Austin, PhD, Evergreen, CO

Leslie M. Drozd, PhD, Newport Beach, CA

Milfred Dale, PhD, JD, Topeka, KS

12:00pm-1:30pm AFCC Awards Luncheon

Presiding: Linda Fieldstone, MEd, AFCC President, Miami, FL

1:30pm-3:00pm Workshops 11-20

11. Training Couples in Conflict for Co-parenting: Using Technology and Neuroscience

A review of the parent education literature indicates methods varying in effectiveness and cost. Evidence-based parenting programs will be compared on these factors. Recent advances in mindfulness and neuroscience have been applied to parent education. When these advances are incorporated into computer applications (interactive CD-ROM and online training) the synergistic effects are pronounced. Devising programs utilizing these advances to meet the needs of couples in conflict should incorporate key principles and methods. Controlled research supporting this integrative approach will be summarized.

Donald A. Gordon, PhD, Center for Divorce Education, Ashland, OR

Hon. Michele Lowrance, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL

Louise Phipps Senft, JD, Baltimore Mediation, Baltimore, MD

12. The Interpersonal Neurobiology of Attachment

Presenters in this workshop will discuss current models of the neurobiology of attachment, detailing the positive impact of early inter-actively regulated bodily-based affective communications on the organization of the infant's developing right brain, which for the rest of the lifespan is dominant for social-emotional functions and stress regulation. Also discussed will be the negative impact of relational trauma on the developmental trajectory of the right brain. Clinical implications will be offered for early prevention and treatment.

Allan N. Schore, PhD, Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences, University of California at Los Angeles

Judith R. Schore, PhD, Associate Dean, Sanville Institute for Clinical Social Work and Psychotherapy, Northridge, CA

13. Problem Solving Interventions: Basic Skills Training for Judicial Officers

This skills workshop will focus on case flow, case management and settlement conferencing conceptualized in the evolving role for judges and judicial officers, counsel (including child counsel) and experts in the shift from traditional to pro-active judging represented by these approaches. Presenters will discuss models for these approaches, including problem-solving, conflict management and communication-relationship building techniques. Take advantage of this opportunity for judges and judicial officers to “think about their thinking.”

Hon. Nancy Flatters, Calgary, AB, Canada

Larry Fong, PhD, Fong Ailon, Calgary, AB, Canada

14. Therapist-Parenting Coordinator Teams: Essential Collaboration in High Conflict Cases

High conflict custody cases can have multiple mental health interventions implemented including parenting coordination and therapy for one or more family members. Professionals involved in these cases may need to redirect enduring, disturbed relationship patterns in order to reduce family conflict and equip children with the skills needed to function successfully in the future. Professional collaboration, with careful attention to role boundaries, may be essential to progress in these cases. The presenters will describe a model for professional collaboration between a PC and various members of a treatment team, addressing the unique issues involved in coordination with each treating professional.

Lyn R. Greenberg, PhD, Los Angeles, CA

Matthew Sullivan, PhD, Palo Alto, CA

Jay Lebow, PhD, The Family Institute at Northwestern, Evanston, IL

15. Juridogenic Damage to Children and Ways to Limit It

This workshop, intended for judges, lawyers and mental health professionals, will explore the unintentional harm to children caused by the court proceedings when parents are litigating their separation. Presenters will identify juridogenic factors and propose ways in which the court and those involved with assessment and treatment can prevent, or at least limit, the damage. Participants will be asked to comment on case scenarios.

Hon. Philip L. Marcus, Jerusalem, Israel

Daniel S. Gottlieb, PhD, Shinui Institute: The Israeli Institute for Family and Personal Change, Herzliya, Israel

16. The Credible and Helpful Custody Report

What are the elements of a great custody report? How should the report be structured? What content is most helpful to the court and to lawyers? This interactive workshop will focus on the historically psychological importance of the information received. Presenters will review common mistakes often found in custody evaluations and identify specific solutions.

Joy M. Feinberg, JD, Feinberg & Barry, PC, Chicago, IL

Jonathan W. Gould, PhD, ABPP, Co-author, The Art and Science of Child Custody Evaluations, Charlotte, NC

17. The Role of the State in Family Law

A fundamental ambiguity in family law is where the role of the state begins and ends. The state clearly takes responsibility for administering justice in criminal law, but by contrast, in civil law where private parties are in dispute, the state merely provides a forum and parties are expected to pay for the litigation. Family law straddles these two disciplines. To what extent should the state be expected to provide a free family law service and how far reaching should it be? What are the components of a responsible family law system that a state should pay for? By contrast, when should we expect parties in family court litigation to pay or contribute and in what circumstances? This workshop is designed to explore and invigorate a debate on state responsibility in the modern world in the current economic climate.

Hon. Peter Boshier, Principal Family Court Judge, Family Court of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand

Hon. Judith Kreeger (Ret.), Miami, FL

Hon. George Czutrin, Toronto, ON, Canada

18. Bringing the Child's Perspective into Focus in Family Law

This workshop will demonstrate how the constructive nature of an evaluation conducted in a pilot program for lawyer-assisted mediation in Western Australia was a valuable tool for bringing awareness of the “child’s perspective” to the minds of court professionals and families involved. It will discuss how the key research from the inquiry, the psycho-legal construct of procedural justice and the construct of mentalizing, which is derived from developmental psychology, could be useful tools in the family law context.

Jill Howieson, PhD, LLB, University of Western Australia, Crawley, Western Australia

Lynn Priddis, PhD, Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Western Australia

Julie Jackson, LLB, Legal Aid Western Australia, Perth, Western Australia

19. My Client Did What?!? Representing the Impossible Client

Lawyers representing clients in divorce and custody matters need to know the law and legal processes. Often, however, they must also possess the skills of a therapist, mediator, parent, teacher and coach to effectively represent and manage the most challenging clients. What is the best response to clients who want to spend thousands of dollars of billable time fighting over a potted plant, a television or kitchen utensils? How can lawyers determine a client’s motivations when there are allegations of substance abuse or neglect? This workshop will allow the presenters and participants to share some memorable moments and identify key strategies for successfully navigating this challenging terrain.

Mary Ferriter, JD, MPA, Esdaile, Barrett, Jacobs & Mone, Boston, MA

Samuel J. Ferrara, JD, Abrams, Fensterman, et al, Lake Success and New York, NY

David Medoff, PhD, Suffolk University, Boston, MA

20. Low-Income Access Challenges: The Implementation of the 2006 Mediation Mandate in Illinois

In July 2006, the Illinois Supreme Court mandated custody and visitation mediation in every judicial circuit. Five years later, Resolution Systems Institute (RSI) contacted over fifty judges, court clerks, and local mediators to learn how the mandate was implemented and how required mediation programs were made accessible to low-income families. This workshop will look at RSI's findings and subsequent program design plans, which provide greater insight into the challenges and successes of existing programs and will help family courts provide mediation access to all litigants.

Heather Scheiwe Kulp, JD, Resolution Systems Institute, Chicago, IL

Nora Kahn, Chicago, IL

Hon. Karen G. Shields (Ret.), JAMS, Chicago, IL

3:00pm-3:15pm Break and Exhibitor Forum

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21. A Child's Preference for the Batterer in Child Custody Cases: An Assessment Protocol

Children involved in child custody disputes sometimes express a preference to reside with the perpetrator of domestic violence. Presenters in this workshop will discuss research that sheds light on the five factors that contribute to this preference. The presenters offer an assessment protocol to be included in child custody evaluations where a child or adolescent expresses a preference for residing with the batterer.

Charles H. Heller, PhD, Monsey, NY

Linda Gunsberg, PhD, New York, NY

22. Homeschooling: What Does the Custody Evaluator Need to Know?

This workshop presents the literature on the social-emotional development of children who are homeschooled and the academic outcomes associated with homeschooling. Presenters will discuss why parents who formerly agreed to homeschooling often strenuously disagree about it when they separate. The importance of assessing the dynamics between the parents, potential parent-child enmeshment problems, and the quality of a home school will be discussed. Homeschooling will be specifically addressed in the context of Best Interest Standards.

Kathleen McNamara, PhD, Fort Collins, CO

Daniel J. Mosley, EdD, Colorado Family Center, PC, Littleton, CO

Shelley Bresnick, PsyD, Golden, CO

Julie Van Heyningen, PsyD, Colorado Family Center, PC, Littleton, CO

23. Assessing Middle Childhood Attachment: Adapting Conventional Assessment Tools

This workshop utilizes the categories of secure, insecure and disorganized attachment in middle childhood to develop a framework for assessors generating hypotheses. Participants will explore techniques available to the assessor who has not received advanced training and supervision on current attachment assessment tools. Attachment information will be integrated with reference to the voice of the child, Best Interest Standards and other assessment information, to produce a report that resonates with the true voice of the child.

Robyn L. Fasser, MA, Sandton, Gauteng, South Africa

Ronel Duchon, DLitt et Phil, Familyzone, Johannesburg, South Africa

24. Preparing Your Client for a Custody Evaluation

This session, designed for lawyers, will address critical elements in preparing clients for the custody evaluation process. Presenters will explore how to identify and ascertain the evaluator's protocol, determining whether the client should work with a mental health consultant or therapist prior to the evaluation. Issues related to psychological testing and ethical considerations in preparation for a custody evaluation will be addressed.

Meighan A. Harmon, JD, Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP, President, Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Chicago, IL

Anita M. Ventrelli, JD, Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP, Chicago, IL

Sol R. Rappaport, PhD, Counseling Connections, Libertyville, IL

Moderator: Arnold T. Shienvold, PhD, Riegler Shienvold & Associates, Harrisburg, PA

25. Intermittent Evaluative Mediation with Enduring Post-Divorce Conflict

This workshop presents a model of evaluative mediation that blends interest-based negotiations with a scientifically-informed information-gathering process to assist families in resolving child custody disputes. Utilizing a normative model of enduring conflict that occurs in the majority of post-divorce families, this workshop offers theory, methodology and case examples of the intermittent use of a parenting plan consultant with families, who may need additional consultation regarding adjustments to parenting plans as family circumstances or as the developmental needs of children change.

Daniel Pickar, PhD, ABPP, Santa Rosa, CA

26. Timeless Attachments: Shared Residential Parenting Research and Policy Implications

This session will examine social science research, attachment theory and public policy as related to shared parenting. In the context of attachment theory, presenters provide new data linking parenting time to quality of parent-child relationships and new findings in the health literature linking parenting time to children's long-term, stress-related physical health. Arguments for and against a rebuttable legal presumption of equal parenting time will be reviewed; presenters will argue that empirical and public support for the presumption warrants more sustained effort.

Linda Nielsen, MS, EdD, Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, NC

William V. Fabricius, PhD, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Edward Kruk, PhD, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Discussant: Robert E. Emery, PhD, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

27. Never-Married Parent Education: Six Years of Impact

Never-married parents, compared to divorcing parents, reveal clear differences in demographics, age of children, types of co-parenting relationships, legal challenges and learning style justifying separate programming for this population. This six-year follow-up report on a parent education program for never-married parents will include a program description, keys to implementation and quantitative and qualitative analysis of its impact. Parent educators will review and share the program's curriculum. Program links to improvements in court proceedings and other ADR efforts will be discussed from a judicial perspective.

Mark Nickerson, LICSW, Amherst, MA

Deborah Roth-Howe, LICSW, Leverett, MA

Hon. Gail Perlman (Ret.), Northampton, MA

Beth Crawford, JD, Hampshire Division of the Probate and Family Court, Northampton, MA

28. Parenting Coordinators, Co-parents and Young Children: What is the Ultimate Aim of an Effective PC Process?

This workshop will review empirical research on the specific effects that co-parenting dynamics have on very young children, the challenges and strategies of working with families that are not child-centered and the quandaries that need to be understood to enhance effective intervention practice with families and young children. Specifically, the role of the parenting coordinator as an observer of parent-child interaction will be examined along with the ethical challenges inherent in balancing a clinical and forensic neutral role.

Debra K. Carter, PhD, National Cooperative Parenting Center, Bradenton, FL

James P. McHale, PhD, University of South Florida St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, FL

29. The Impact of Psychopathy in Family Court

Psychopathy is a serious syndrome of personality pathology. Psychopaths are frequently irresponsible, fail to honor commitments and often display antisocial behavior. Presenters in this workshop will provide an overview of psychopathy and its relevance for family court judges and attorneys. They will discuss how psychopathic traits in individuals can impact family court cases including: divorce, custody and supervision of minor children, mediation and arbitration, alimony and child support, domestic violence, and jury selection as well as criminal law cases.

Jill Ricke, PhD, Tallahassee, FL

David Kosson, PhD, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, North Chicago, IL

Mary Ellen O'Toole, PhD, Stafford, VA

30. Trauma and PTSD in Child Custody Disputes

Divorce is not necessarily traumatic, but can be associated with events that are. Traumas occur both within and outside families, impacting both parents and children. In child custody disputes, trauma and PTSD are at risk of being missed or exaggerated. This multi-disciplinary workshop addresses collaborative strategies for: recognizing trauma and PTSD, protecting those at risk, referrals to mental health professionals, and supporting children and parents through applying elements of psychological first aid.

Stevan Weine, MD, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL

Linda Florescu, DO, MS, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL

John Korpics, MD, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL

Amy Gertler, JD, Grund & Leavitt, PC, Chicago, IL

31. Challenges In Evaluating Relocation Cases Involving Young Children in Remote Areas

Custody evaluators and their supervisors who work in remote areas face unique challenges during the evaluation of relocation cases involving very young children. Relocation has often already occurred with the children traveling significant distances to satisfy existing parenting schedules. Evaluating these cases requires a rigorous approach and there is often an overreliance on commonly held professional presumptions regarding what is in the best interests of the children. This workshop is relevant for custody evaluators and supervisors who support them during the evaluation of these cases. Presenters will review key practice guidelines and current relevant literature.

Robert H. Croezen, MSW, Toronto, ON, Canada

Lorraine E. Martin, MSW, RSW, Hamilton, ON, Canada

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Hon. Richard A. Simons, Pittsfield, MA

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32. Judicial Officers Forum**Infants, Attachment and the Courtroom:
Practical Guidelines for the Busy Judge**

This session is for judges who want to improve their skills in identifying and appropriately responding to complex children's cases where developmental issues abound. The science behind attachment and brain development offers insights about ideal outcomes; however, these outcomes may be rarely attainable in the real world construct within which courts operate. This workshop offers ten practical strategies that judges can realistically adopt to identify and to develop appropriate responses to cases involving attachment and neuroscience issues.

Federal Magistrate Robyn Sexton, Sydney, NSW, Australia

Jennifer McIntosh, PhD, Family Transitions, Alphington, Victoria, Australia

Moderator: Hon. Grace G. Dickler, Presiding Judge, Domestic Relations Division, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL

5:00pm-6:00pm **Open Forum—Custody
Evaluation and Domestic
Violence Task Force**

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Evening **Taste of Chicago**

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

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Yoga with Rebecca Stahl

7:15am-8:15am

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Poster Gallery

7:30am-8:30am

Coffee and Rolls

8:30am-10:00am

Plenary Session

Welcome: Arnold T. Shienvold, PhD, AFCC President Elect, Harrisburg, PA

**Infants, Overnights and Attachment:
The Care-Giving Context**

Infants, separation, custody and overnights: is there a more vexed set of issues in family law? This session examines the controversies around parenting schedules for very young children, focusing on the care-giving context of early development. Theories will be explored, ideologies exposed, and studies de-mystified. The presenters will address what is known about the types of interaction that are important to the development of emotional security. They reach beyond popular debates and polemics to explore what commonality can be found for practice recommendations in the world of family law.

Carol George, PhD, Mills College, Oakland, CA

Jennifer McIntosh, PhD, Family Transitions, Alphington, Victoria, Australia

Moderator: Robert E. Emery, PhD, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

10:00am-10:30am **Break and Exhibitor Forum**

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10:30am-12:00pm Plenary Session

Welcome: Nancy Ver Steegh, JD, MSW, AFCC Vice President, St. Paul, MN

Attachment, Brain Science and Development: Challenges in Applying Science in a Socio-Legal Context

This session examines the challenges in applying the growing body of theory and research about attachment, brain science and child development to policy and practice in the family courts. The presenters will explore controversies in weighing the need for attachment security against social values and other developmental priorities. The risks and benefits of prioritizing attachment constructs for young children in family law decision making will be discussed in the context of some of the complex situations faced by the family courts.

Jean M. Clinton, MD, FRCP(C), McMaster University, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neuroscience, Hamilton, ON, Canada

Marsha Kline Pruett, PhD, MSL, Smith College for Social Work, Northampton, MA

Nicholas Bala, JD, LL.M., Queen's University, Kingston, ON, Canada

Moderator: Janet Johnston, PhD, Professor Emeritus, San Jose State University, Menlo Park, CA

12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch (on your own)

12:00pm-1:30pm Family Court Review Editorial Board Meeting

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33. Involving Children in Post-Separation Decision Making: A Voice but Not a Choice—Part I

There has been much debate about whether, when and how children should participate in decision-making post-separation and divorce. The first part of this workshop will review legal principles governing children's participation in the family justice process and social science literature about children's participation in mediation and the family dispute resolution process. Presenters will discuss their recent research on the experiences of American and Canadian children with judges, lawyers and mental health professionals in the family justice system. *Participants should also register for Part II, Workshop 50.*

Rachel Birnbaum, PhD, LL.M., University of Western Ontario, London, ON, Canada

Nicholas Bala, LL.B., LL.M., Queen's University, Kingston, ON, Canada

Francine Cyr, PhD, University of Montreal, Montreal, QC, Canada

Hon. Denise McColley, Napoleon, OH

34. Restorative Circles Helping Families Help Themselves In and Out of Family Court

Restorative processes, specifically the circle process, may provide an alternative to traditional court proceedings for amenable families to break down barriers, change communication patterns and to start to rebuild relationships so that families may address and resolve ongoing issues and concerns related to custody, support and visitation without court intervention. This workshop will examine a pilot project within the Cook County Parentage and Support Court. Presenters will discuss the restorative philosophy, principles and, in particular, the circle process to improve communication, problem solving and decision making capacity.

Hon. Martha Mills, Presiding Judge, Parentage and Support Court, Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Chicago, IL

Peter Newman, JD, LL.M., Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Resource Section, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL

Elizabeth Vastine, JD, The Stone Vastine Group, Chicago, IL

35. Fathering and Father Involvement after Divorce: Current Social Science Research

Discussions of parenting and parenting time following separation and divorce benefit from the inclusion of methodologically sound social science research. In particular, the documented contributions of fathers to their children's social, emotional and cognitive development and new research on the positive impacts of significant father involvement in children's lives following separation and divorce are critical information for practitioners to understand in their work with parents, evaluation and decision making about parenting time.

Joan B. Kelly, PhD, Corte Madera, CA

Marsha Kline Pruett, PhD, MSL, Smith College for Social Work, Northampton, MA

Laura Backen Jones, PhD, Oregon Research Institute, Eugene, OR

36. The Perils of Virtual Venom: Latest Issues in Electronic Discovery

The internet is fraught with peril for parents and practitioners alike. Parents' online communications are often unhelpful, vague, emotional and harmful to good parenting. Parents engage in inappropriate use of Facebook, Twitter and other social media, not realizing that the use of social media is now fair game in the courtroom. This workshop will help attorneys, mediators, parenting coordinators, mental health professionals and judges learn strategies for online discovery, use of electronic records and social media in the courtroom, and online assistance for proactive interventions to parents' communications. The use of the OurFamilyWizard website as a tool for communicating and exchanging child information will be explored.

Annette T. Burns, JD, Phoenix, AZ

Bryan Altman, www.OurFamilyWizard.com, Minneapolis, MN

37. Attachment Theory and Family Violence: A Judicial Perspective

The application of attachment concepts have assisted in developing a more nuanced understanding of the effects of family violence on children, which is in turn being reflected in statutory reforms in Australia. These reforms have the potential to assist parents, lawyers and judicial officers to arrive at outcomes that maximize the developmental potential of children who have experienced or been exposed to family violence. These issues will be discussed from the perspective of a senior family court judge.

Hon. Steven Strickland, Adelaide, Australia

Moderator: Robin Deutsch, PhD, Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, Boston, MA

38. The Kids' Turn Way

This workshop will examine how Kids' Turn, San Francisco, infused the innovative elements of Emotional Intelligence and brain science into its newly revised curriculum, The Kids' Turn Way. Participants will experience key elements of the program and learn how children and parents are responding to this unique approach. Also included will be a discussion on what motivated the notable British charity, Relate, to pilot the curriculum in Great Britain in 2011.

Claire N. Barnes, MA, Kids' Turn, San Francisco, CA

39. Venting in Mediation: When it is Helpful and When it is Not

Venting occurs in nearly every family mediation, especially when two people who once loved each other are separating. Mediators need to know when to allow or even encourage venting and when venting is not useful or even destructive to the process. What should the mediator be watching for? What interventions are effective for eliciting new information? What interventions are effective for moving from whining to working? This workshop will present practical information for the family mediator.

Rebecca T. Magruder, MSW, JD, St. Charles, MO

Sue Bronson, MS, New Prospects, Milwaukee, WI

40. Countering Conflict in Judicial Dispute Resolution

This workshop will present judiciary and mental health perspectives to share an interdisciplinary view of judicial dispute resolution (JDR). Presenters will identify what can and cannot be achieved in a JDR case management appearance; identify skills and strategies for judges to use; and examine reasonable expectations for the case management process.

Hon. R. James Williams, Halifax, NS, Canada

Stephen Carter, PhD, Carter Haave Vandersteen Batemen Vroom, Edmonton, AB, Canada

Moderator: Keith Hotten, MA, PhD, University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Law, Hong Kong

41. Attachment and the Law: Custody for Young Children if Attachment is Not the Trump Card—Part I

This workshop offers a comprehensive view of attachment theory and its relevance to child custody. Presenters will emphasize the extensive empirical literature that has increasingly argued for a balanced and flexible view; provide information on the law and the approaches judges and attorneys should consider; and discuss alternate ways of conceptualizing the problems of custody for very young children using attachment considerations as one among several factors. *Participants should also register for Part II, Workshop 51.*

Pamela S. Ludolph, PhD, Ann Arbor, MI

Milfred Dale, PhD, JD, Topeka, KS

William G. Austin, PhD, Evergreen, CO

42. Emergency Intervention: A Family Court Process to Help Children and Parents in Crisis

This session will describe the Emergency Intervention Service provided by Cook County Marriage and Family Counseling Service. The non-confidential process is used by the Domestic Relations Court to address potentially serious emergency situations appearing before the court on a particular day. Presenters will provide written materials on the emergency intervention process and a step-by-step description of the process. Challenges that can arise during an emergency intervention will also be discussed.

Corinne Levitz, JD, Domestic Relations Division, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL

Stephanie Senuta, MS, Domestic Relations Division, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL

43. The Child-Informed Mediation Study: Results of an Ongoing Randomized Controlled Trial

This session presents results from the first randomized controlled trial comparing child-focused and child-inclusive mediation to mediation-as-usual while exploring the mediator's experience in each type of mediation. Presenters will discuss immediate mediation outcomes, including rates and content of agreements, and the perceptions of parents and mediators. Predictors of mediation outcomes, from pre-mediation assessments of the inter-parental relationship, parent-child relationships and parents' and children's psychological functioning, will also be presented.

Amy Holtzworth-Munroe, PhD, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Amy G. Applegate, JD, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, IN

Robin H. Ballard, BA, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

44. Evaluating Complex Parenting Legislation: Lessons from Nebraska's Parenting Act

In 2008, Nebraska's Parenting Act was enacted to increase the elements of the best interests of the child standard in parenting issues. The Act included a finding that a child's safety, particularly in domestic abuse situations, is paramount. This workshop will review the Act, discuss its complex nature and will summarize preliminary evaluation findings as to the efficacy of the Act in addressing issues of safety and consistency of parenting in a way not previously seen in statute.

Debora Brownyard, JD, Nebraska Administrative Office of the Courts, Lincoln, NE

Hon. Gary Randall, Omaha, NE

Lorin Galvin, JD, Douglas County District Court Conciliation and Mediation Office, Omaha, NE

3:00pm-3:15pm Break and Exhibitor Forum

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45. Representation of Adolescents: The Brain Under Construction

The past decade has seen an explosion in knowledge about the brain, and neuroscience and neuro-imaging are shedding new light on brain function. A key finding is how exposure to toxic stress, including intense family conflict, can affect the brains of children. Of particular interest is that the "reward seeking" area of the brain is developing ahead of the "executive" thinking area and that often the "emotional brain" is in charge. This workshop will explore how this science and theory can be best used to assist judicial decision making and help child's counsel to determine how to provide effective representation to children and youth before the court.

Jean M. Clinton, MD, FRCP(C), Associate Clinical Professor, McMaster University, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neuroscience, Hamilton, ON, Canada

Lucy McSweeney, LLB, Children's Lawyer for Ontario, Office of the Children's Lawyer, Toronto, ON, Canada

Dena Moyal, LLB, Legal Director, Personal Rights, Office of the Children's Lawyer, Toronto, ON, Canada

Katherine Kavassalis, LLB, Senior Counsel, Office of the Children's Lawyer, Toronto, ON, Canada

46. Family Law and the Cinema

Hollywood cinema abounds with portrayals of families and family law. This workshop will focus on how family law is portrayed in the cinema, whether it is depicted in a positive or negative light and what films say about how families work and what they need. Presenters will offer a critical engagement with what family law-related films convey regarding law and legal institutions. Bring your own popcorn.

David Papke, JD, PhD, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, WI

Barbara Glesner-Fines, JD, LLM, University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School, Kansas City, MO

Moderator: Andrew Schepard, JD, Hofstra University Law School, Hempstead, NY

47. The Realities of High Conflict Divorce

This workshop will explore the emotional impact of the legal process and its effect on high conflict divorce, giving special attention to parental alienation. It will discuss whether the divorce process itself exacerbates or reduces conflict in divorce. The presenters will share the emotional devastation they witness watching parents and children navigate the cumbersome legal divorce process. Their insights based on experience offer insight into the real repercussions of the combative divorce process.

Jill Egizii, President, Parental Alienation Awareness Organization, Springfield, IL

Hon. Michele Lowrance, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL

48. Has Confidentiality in Family Dispute Resolution Reached its Use-By Date?

Protecting confidentiality in consensual family dispute resolution (FDR) processes is regarded as a fundamental pre-condition to its effectiveness. The orthodox view is that willing and constructive participation in FDR is enhanced by confidentiality. Is this view supported by an evidence base? Or does it merely reflect a prevailing opinion shared by those who deliver such services? Recent Australian experience suggests that in court-based consensual dispute resolution and therapy, the absence of confidentiality makes no difference to participants' willingness to engage constructively with the process or its effectiveness. Participants in this workshop will further explore this issue.

Federal Magistrate Dr. Tom Altobelli, Sydney, Australia

Chief Justice Diana Bryant, Family Court of Australia, Melbourne, Australia

49. Risk Screening for Family Law: Data and Real World Experiences Shaping Practice

This workshop will provide information about efficient and acceptable approaches to screening for important risk issues. Participants will learn about the development and use of risk screening instruments in family law settings, with a focus on intimate partner violence. Presenters will discuss three different screens and provide research data on measures including reliability, validity and the relationship of violence to variables of interest such as parenting behavior. Feedback from professionals in the field who have used the screens will also be provided.

Amy Holtzworth-Munroe, PhD, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Lynda Dunstan, MS, Parramatta Family Relationship Centre, Parramatta, NSW, Australia

Gabrielle Davis, JD, Battered Women's Justice Project, Minneapolis, MN

Claire Ralfs, PhD, Relationships Australia (SA), Adelaide, Australia

50. Involving Children in Post-Separation Decision Making: A Voice but Not a Choice—Part II

Participants in this session are expected to have attended Part I, Workshop 33.

Hon. Denise McColley, Napoleon, OH

Hon. Grant Campbell, Kitchener, ON, Canada

Tennille Becker Newton, JD, Archbold, OH

Hon. Marie Gaudreau, Montreal, QC, Canada

51. Attachment and the Law: Custody for Young Children if Attachment is Not the Trump Card—Part II

Participants in this session are expected to have attended Part I, Workshop 41.

Pamela S. Ludolph, PhD, Ann Arbor, MI

Milfred Dale, PhD, JD, Topeka, KS

William G. Austin, PhD, Evergreen, CO

52. Establishing and Enforcing Realistic Child Support Orders

Regular payments of child support are a pillar of financial stability for single parent households. This workshop will teach participants how to establish and enforce realistic child support orders.

Cynthia Holdren, BA, MPA, Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement, Washington, DC

Susan Paikin, MEd, JD, Center for the Support of Families, Newark, DE

53. The Evolution of a Child Protection Mediation Program: Reforms and Their Impacts

This workshop will explore the evolution of the Cook County Child Protection and Facilitation Program over the past decade. Presenters will provide an overview of the program and the challenges it has faced, and will then discuss the role of evaluation in assessing the need for change and measuring the outcomes of those changes. The session will include suggestions for developing and expanding child protection mediation programs in other jurisdictions and will conclude with a question and answer period.

Hon. Patricia M. Martin, Presiding Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County Child Protection Division, Chicago, IL

Susan M. Storcel, JD, Circuit Court of Cook County Child Protection Division, Chicago, IL

Jennifer E. Shack, MA, Resolutions Systems Institute, Chicago, IL

54. Working with Personality Disorders as Attachment Disorders

This workshop will address the literature relating personality disorders to insecure and disorganized attachments. Several methods will be described that practitioners can use in their interactions with possibly personality-disordered clients, to build more “securely attached” working relationships in conflict resolution settings. Participants will engage in an interactive exercise to practice responding to the emotional intensity of potentially personality-disordered parents with empathy, attention and respect in their work.

William A. Eddy, MSW, JD, High Conflict Institute, San Diego, CA

55. New Research on Effectiveness of Interventions for Families of Separation and Divorce

This session will present findings from two new random assignment studies. First, findings from a study of an Internet-based program for children of divorce (ages 11-16) will be presented, indicating that the program reduces mental health problems, particularly for high risk children. Second, an evaluation of a three-hour program for high conflict families will be presented. The results show that the program significantly improved children’s self-reported mental health problems at the nine month follow-up. Issues in conducting randomized trials of innovative court programs and directions for interventions with high conflict divorces will be discussed.

Jesse L. Boring, PhD, Arizona State University Prevention Research Center, Odessa, NY

Irwin Sandler, PhD, Arizona State University Prevention Research Center, Tempe, AZ

56. Has the Pendulum Swung? Revisiting the Psychological Needs of the Child

A critical assessment of attachment theory reveals limitations but demonstrates that it is more than a pendulum’s swing in family law. In this session, attachment literature is assessed from historical, empirical, developmental and cultural perspectives. Its advances are presented, particularly with respect to understanding the impact of the child’s experience of security and identifying parenting that contributes to or detracts from that experience. Applications that recognize both attachment theory’s limitations and achievements are discussed.

Bram Fridhandler, PhD, San Francisco, CA

Jennifer B. Rhodes, PsyD, Menlo Park, CA

Eddie Yu-Wai Chiu, PhD, Alliant International University, Cupertino, CA

Dana Iscoff, MA, MFT, San Francisco, CA

5:30pm-7:00pm

AFCC Silent Auction and Reception

7:00pm-9:00pm

AFCC Annual Banquet

9:00pm-12:00am

AFCC Hospitality Suite



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- 8:00am-9:00am** **AFCC Membership Meeting**

- 9:15am-10:45am** **Workshops 57-68**

57. Neuroethics: Exploring What We Know, What We Choose and How We Decide Right and Wrong

How does what we know influence what we do? What are the neuroethics of brain-based knowledge? Is this a new field or a field with new insight? This interactive workshop will explore the dynamics of brain-based knowledge; the role of the facilitator whether as a parent coordinator, mediator, therapist or judge; and the implications for mindful intervention. Neuroscientific knowledge, the role of meaning, responsibility and purpose, as well as the concepts of right and wrong and the culture of belief will be discussed.

Jennifer Kresge, MA, Mediation, Counseling and Training Services, St. Helena, CA

58. Building Child Protection Mediation Guidelines: Is this Ship Ready to Sail?

For the past two years, a collaborative and diverse group of child protection mediation professionals have worked in concert with AFCC, American Humane Association and other organizations to develop Guidelines for Child Protection Mediation. This workshop will provide insight into the substance of these guidelines, as well as the challenges inherent in developing them. Participants will be engaged in an interactive discussion of these issues and explore necessary steps for finalization and implementation of the guidelines.

Marilou Giovannucci, MS, Connecticut Judicial Branch, Wethersfield, CT

Gregory Firestone, PhD, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Susan M. Storcel, JD, Circuit Court of Cook County Child Protection Division, Chicago, IL

59. Virtual Parent-Child Relationships: Emerging Trends in Child Custody Disputes

The increased use of technology has spawned a new area of research to explore children's reconfiguration of intimate relationships after separation. There is growing interest in the use and impact of technologies to facilitate parent-child relationships and a coinciding debate about whether virtual visitation should be considered a substitute for in-person parent-child contact. This workshop will explore these issues and controversies with discussion based on a review of empirical evidence, legal cases involving virtual visitation and children's interviews about their experiences with online technologies in the context of separation and divorce.

Michael Saini, PhD, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada

Shely Polak, MSW, RSW, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada

60. Applying an Attachment Lens to Children's Experiences of Joint Residential Custody

One underlying assumption about joint residential custody arrangements is that it may bring children an advantage in maintaining healthy attachments to both parents. This presentation discusses findings from separate Australian and Canadian studies of children and young adults reflecting on their experiences of living in joint residential custody arrangements. The presenters will explore the children's experiences of security with their parents and will consider how young people incorporate the narrative of attachment in discussing both security and relationship challenges in navigating a joint living arrangement.

Christina Sadowski, MA, University of Ballarat, Ballarat, VIC, Australia

Denise L. Whitehead, JD, University of Guelph, Kitchener, ON, Canada

61. Improving Outcomes for Children in Family Court: Learning from Turned-Around Cases

This workshop will address the psychological effects on children of reunification with abusive parents, highlighting new developments in neuroscience. Presenters will draw on a new body of research on "turned-around" cases, where courts choose to correct prior errors in awarding custody or unsupervised access to a dangerous parent. These cases provide a living laboratory for evaluation and improvement of custody evaluator and judicial decision making. Legal issues, including how ambiguous evidence is weighed and common procedural errors, will also be addressed.

Joan Meier, JD, Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project, Washington, DC

Joyanna Silberg, PhD, Leadership Council on Child Abuse and Interpersonal Violence, Baltimore, MD

Discussant: Leslie Drozd, PhD, Newport Beach, CA

62. Can Parenting Coordination and Mediation Co-Exist in High Conflict Family Cases?

A mediator typically facilitates the process of communication in a manner that promotes parental resolution of disputes rather than making decisions for parents. A parenting coordinator also promotes parental authority, but assumes responsibility for the decision-making process. This workshop explores where the role of each professional begins and ends. If the line between the two processes becomes clouded, does this create a dual role for the professional, and is this a problem?

Nora Kalb Bushfield, MSW, JD, Collaborative Law Center, Inc., Atlanta, GA

Margaret Powers, LCSW, MS, M. S. Powers & Associates, Arlington Heights, GA

63. The Impact of Culture on Family Systems: Practical Skills for Conflict Resolution Professionals

Cultural attributes impact how families form and how families separate. This workshop will focus on how different cultures deal with uncertainty and risk, view status and power both within and outside the family, assess control over the future and the impact of their decisions, and value relationships lineally, collaterally, or individually. In addition, participants will learn about direct and indirect speech and, through this understanding, how to communicate more effectively with families going through difficult transitions.

Nina Meierding, MS, JD, Bainbridge Island, WA

64. Telling the Attachment Story: Effective Court Presentations

This workshop is intended for lawyers who prepare infant experts for court and for infant mental health professionals who give expert testimony on developmental concepts such as attachment and social emotional development. The presenters will draw on decades of court experience as an expert witness and as a family court judge to offer effective courtroom strategies. Research from Frameworks Institute and Harvard Center for the Developing Child that highlights common misperceptions about infant development along with evidence-based communication techniques to address these misunderstandings will be presented.

Evelyn Wotherspoon, MSW, Calgary, AB, Canada

Hon. Lynn Cook-Stanhope, Calgary, AB, Canada

65. Mediation within the Collaborative Divorce Process

This session will describe the use of mediation within the collaborative divorce process to reach case settlement, as an alternative to terminating the process. The workshop will include lecture and guided discussion with the audience about the ethical and practical issues of this approach.

Teresa F. Parnell, PsyD, Maitland, FL

Audrey A. Simmons, CPA, CDFA, Winter Park, FL

Nancy S. Weber, JD, Sasser and Weber, PA, Orlando, FL

Samuel J. Weiss, JD, Weiss, Grunor and Weiss, Maitland, FL

66. Issues in Assisted Reproduction Law in the US and Canada

This session will address current trends and developments in the area of assisted reproduction law. The presentation will be geared to legal and mental health professionals who are currently working in this area of practice or who would like to work in the area, both in and out of the court system. Included will be a primer on assisted reproduction legal issues and practices, followed by a discussion of current hot topics in the field.

Gary A. Debele, JD, MA, Walling, Berg & Debele, PA, Minneapolis, MN

Kelly D. Jordan, LLB, Jordan Battista LLP, Toronto, ON, Canada

67. Choreographing Child-Centered Transitions Between High Conflict Caregivers

When courts and parenting coordinators establish structures with which co-parents can minimize the child's experience of caregiving and sensory discrepancies between homes, the child's opportunity to establish self-regulation is facilitated, the child's socio-emotional burden enduring transitions can be minimized, and the opportunity to establish secure relationships with each of two primary caregivers is served. Co-parents' inability to work within such child-centered structures constitutes one criterion relevant to the court's consideration that the child's needs will best be served in the primary care of one parent. This workshop will help participants learn how to establish structured, pro-active, child-centered communications to further facilitate consistency between caregiving environments and to minimize the child's exposure to co-parental stresses at transition.

Benjamin D. Garber, PhD, HealthyParent.com, Merrimack, NH

68. Interdisciplinary Settlement Conference Massachusetts Style

This session will describe how Massachusetts implemented a pilot program using volunteer teams of mental health professionals and family law attorneys whose task was to mediate all aspects of domestic relations litigation with high-conflict families headed for trial. Differences and similarities with the original Marin County, California program will be explored. Presenters will discuss the challenges, dynamics of cross-discipline team mediation and program outcomes.

Hon. Paula Carey, Chief Justice, Massachusetts Probate and Family Court, Boston, MA

Phyllis E. Federico, JD, Schmidt & Federico, PC, Boston, MA

Peggie Ward, PhD, Co-parenting Assessment Center, Natick, MA

Robert A. Zibbell, PhD, Tananbaum & Zibbell, PC, Framingham, MA

10:45am-11:00am Break and Exhibitor Forum

11:00am-12:30pm Workshops 69-80

69. Cross-Sector Collaboration in Family Law in Australia

Transformational changes to social and legal policy and practice have led to major changes in the ways that the professions collaborate with each other. This presentation will show how barriers between the professions have been bridged, how we have learned from each other, developed mutual trust, confidence and new practice methods that place the needs of vulnerable children at the center. Presenters will discuss significant research that has been used by the Australian Government to change policy and stimulate cross-sector collaborations.

Anne Hollonds, MBA, The Benevolent Society, Paddington, NSW, Australia

Alan Hayes, PhD, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, Australia

Mary Gleeson, LLB, Legal Aid, New South Wales, Australia

70. Seeking the Gold Standard: Improving a Court-Connected Mediation Program with Limited Resources

In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a group of interested people, including a judge committed to mediation, gathered together to develop a model program using private mediators, with the added challenge of no extra money. By first identifying the gold standard of mediation, the group developed a road map for the program and identified three target areas: public education, mediator quality, and process improvement. This workshop will include a comparison of the Milwaukee program with an established court-connected in-house mediation program located in Tucson, Arizona. Learn how to establish, develop and maintain mediation programs for your court.

Sue Bronson, MS, New Prospects, Milwaukee, WI

Hon. Michael Dwyer, Presiding Judge, Family Division, Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Milwaukee, WI

Grace M. Hawkins, LCSW, Director, Pima County Conciliation Court, Tucson, AZ

71. The Use of Social Science Research in Dissolution Relocation Cases

What are some of the challenges facing attorneys trying to use social science research in dissolution relocation cases, either in motion, practice or trial? What are the challenges the expert faces on direct- and cross-examination? Join this workshop to better understand what judges want to know and how social science research can be helpful to judicial decision making.

Mindy F. Mitnick, EdM, MA, Uptown Mental Health Center, Edina, MN

Hon. James T. Swenson, Minneapolis, MN

Suzanne M. Remington, JD, Henson & Efron, PA, Minneapolis, MN

72. Marketing Services to Families During and After Divorce

With growing competition, the marketing of professional practices has become an essential component of success. Professionals who know how to market can maintain practices that thrive in competitive markets. Savvy professionals use social media and other internet options to position themselves for success. This workshop focuses on practical, effective and ethical approaches to professional marketing that can be implemented within the constraints of a busy professional's schedule and budget.

Michael B. Spellman, PhD, Behavioral Health Management Consultants, Bradenton, FL

73. Beyond Attachment Classification: How Techniques Inform Caregiver-Child Treatment

This workshop addresses how attachment instruments can be used to inform therapeutic recommendations in parent/caregiver-child relationships. Presenters will provide case examples from attachment storytelling and structured interviews to describe how they reveal caregiving style and love language, attachment representations, adaptive strategies, and issues of diversity including gender, culture, ethnic and socio-economic. Participants will learn to expand their understanding of the attachment instruments as not only providing an attachment classification, but as information for therapeutic management of caregiver-child bonds.

Giselle A. Hass, PsyD, Bethesda, MD

Ginger C. Calloway, PhD, Raleigh, NC

74. Evaluating the Voice of the Child in Family Law

A child's credibility and the trustworthiness of interview techniques used to elicit information from the child are extremely important considerations. This presentation will provide a review of children's development in communication, memory and suggestibility; address the child's voice in divorce proceedings; present a survey of medical/mental health practitioners' knowledge of techniques used with children; and discuss a program aimed at educating children about the judicial process and reducing system-related stress.

Rebecca Nathanson, PhD, William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, NV

Karey O'Hara Brewster, MS, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Robin H. Ballard, BA, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Connie J.A. Beck, PhD, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

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P. Leslie Herold, PhD, San Bernardino, CA

75. Assessing Parenting Skills for Family Court

Research on parenting skills training programs provides wide-ranging support for the relationship between core parenting skills and children's healthy development. This workshop integrates empirically supported parenting skills in a model organized into three parenting constructs—nurturing, teaching, and co-parenting—and nine parenting skills. Semi-structured interview tools are presented for collecting parenting skills data from parents, children and collaterals. The relationship of parenting skills to psychological testing results and DSM diagnostic formulations will be examined.

John A. Moran, PhD, Scottsdale, AZ

David K. Weinstock, JD, PhD, Forensic Counseling and Evaluations, PLLC, Scottsdale, AZ

76. When Children Say No to Supervised Visits

Supervised visitation programs provide the courts with an opportunity to allow noncustodial parents to maintain contact with their children when a safe and neutral setting for such contact is necessary. But what happens when children don't want to visit? In this interactive workshop, participants will learn how visitation programs can engage children and how parents can deal with the complicated issues surrounding a child's refusal to visit.

Joe Nullet, Supervised Visitation Network, Jacksonville, FL

77. Reaching Out to Outreach Communities: An AFCC Ontario Chapter Initiative

It is challenging to expand AFCC chapter membership to effectively represent the population when the chapter spans a wide geographic area. The AFCC Ontario Chapter has developed a program to address the needs and concerns of diverse communities, in an effort to provide regional/state membership with greater benefits while improving awareness and support. It sends the message to all local chapter members that AFCC is an interdisciplinary community that seeks to support its members, no matter where they live. Come network and learn from your AFCC Chapter colleagues.

Dena Moyal, LLB, Legal Director, Personal Rights, Office of the Children's Lawyer, Toronto, ON, Canada

Linda Popielarczyk, MSW, RSW, Private Practice, Toronto, ON, Canada

Linda Chodos, MSW, RSW, Family Solutions, Toronto, ON, Canada

Deborah Moskovitch, The Smart Divorce, Toronto, ON, Canada

78. Implications of Divorce for Children with Autism and Related Developmental Disabilities

When autism and related developmental disabilities are a consideration in divorce proceedings, judges frequently struggle with issues of custody, child support, alimony, visitation schedules, parental capacities and availability of services. This workshop will discuss these matters and give judges, attorneys and court-appointed professionals some criteria to use in making fair recommendations and decisions under such conditions.

Dr. David L. Holmes, EdD, BCFF, Lifespan Services, LLC, Princeton, NJ

Joni Jones, RNBC, CDDN, Toms River, NJ

79. "What am I Doing Here?" Two Countries' Perspectives on the Role of Child's Counsel

This workshop will briefly discuss the timeworn debate in child representation between best interests of the child and client-directed representation. Presenters will examine the evolution of the roles and guidelines for lawyers representing children in all venues from both New Zealand and the United States. They will conclude by presenting the model being used by the Office of Children's Counsel in Tucson, Arizona, and with a new way to think about children's lawyers.

Rebecca M. Stahl, JD, Pima County Office of Children's Counsel, Tucson, AZ

Edith A. Croxen, JD, Chief Counsel, Pima County Office of Children's Counsel, Tucson, AZ

80. Mediation Techniques: Helping Professionals Teach Families about Visitation Issues

The fishbowl training technique will be used to demonstrate different mediation skills to help teach high conflict families about attachment issues that might occur with their children. This workshop will be interactive, allowing participants to engage in the mediation process and practice their techniques.

Suzanna Schrader, JD, Cook County Circuit Court Child Protection Mediation Program, Chicago, IL

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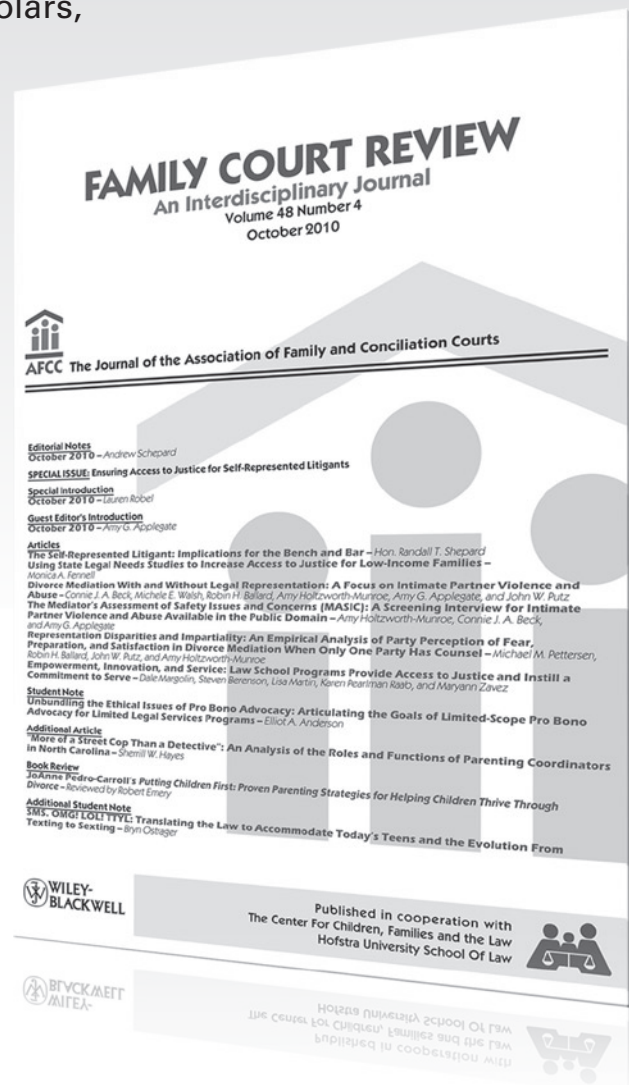
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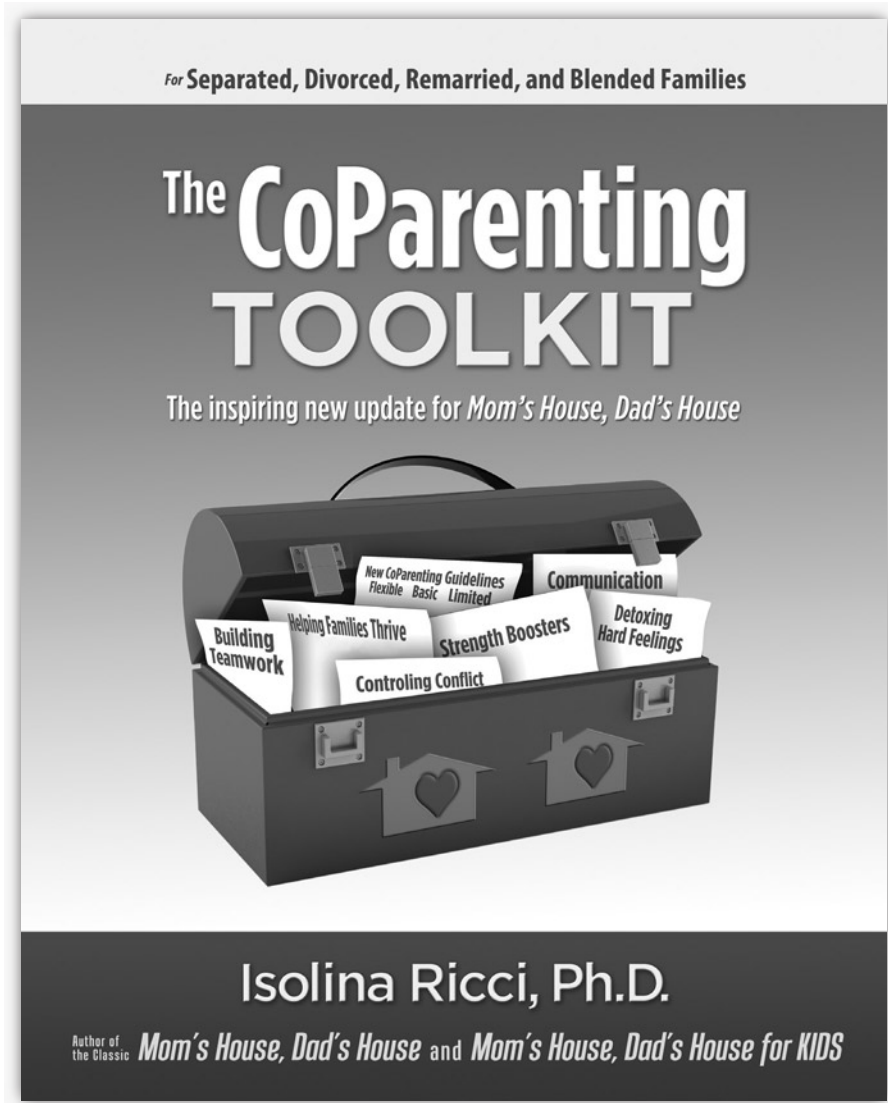
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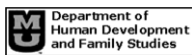
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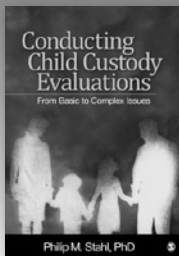
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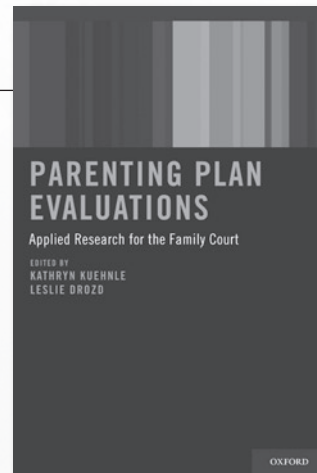


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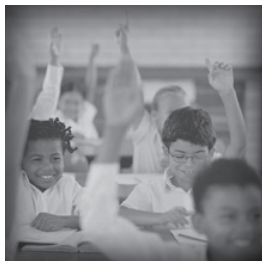
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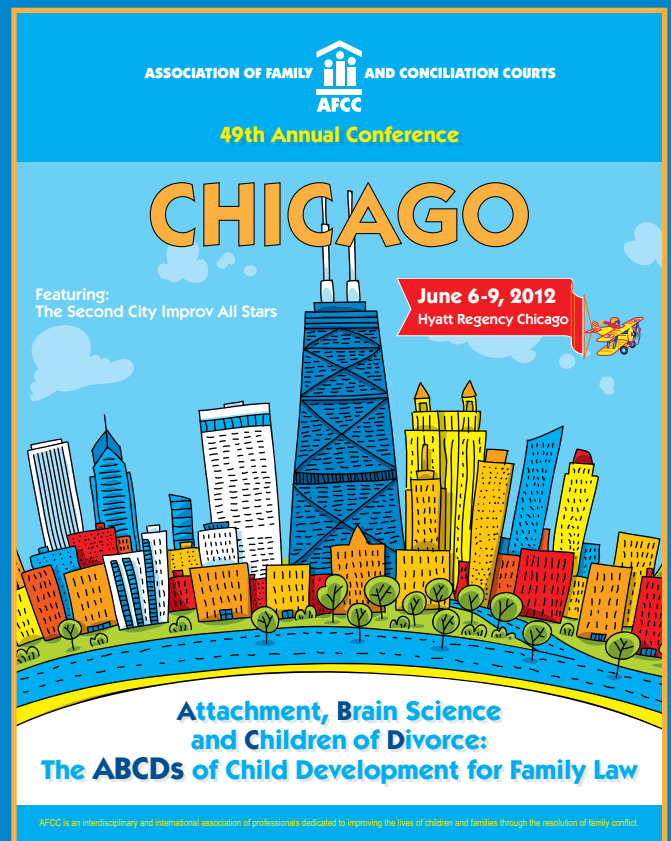
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