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Child Support Brochure

AFCC's "Family of Pamphlets" now includes the new brochure, **Child Support**. Child support payments have long been a source of hostility between parents. Anger over the amount of child support, the timeliness of the payments, and the appropriateness of its use have caused many a "battle" both in and out of court.

Written in a question and answer format, the child support pamphlet provides helpful information for family members and will be a well-thumbed item in any waiting room or office. The pamphlet joins AFCC's other pamphlets on parenting after-divorce, medi-

ation, step-families and joint custody. AFCC's pamphlets may be purchased for \$.25/each; \$.20/each for orders over 1000. A publication order form is enclosed.

AFCC thanks the following people for their help in producing this pamphlet: Hon. Lawrence Kaplan, Hon. June Rose Galvin, Hon. Irwin Cantor, Phil Bushard, Stan Cohen, Hugh McIsaac, T. Ailene Hubert, Tom Bishop, Ellen Rudd, Bill Donohue, Joel Bankes, Alice Mills Morrow, Gerald Lecovin, Merrily Burch, Richard Haseltine, Bea Kriloff and Susan Speir.

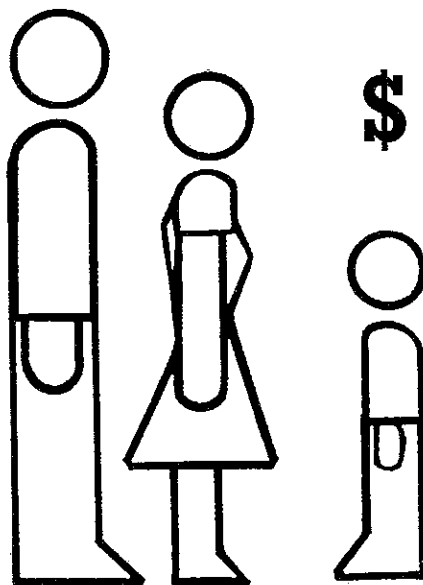
Questions and Answers

Does support have to be spent directly on the children? No. Household expenses such as rent, mortgage and utilities are considered part of the costs of raising children.

Are child support and visitation rights related? No. In most states they are considered separately. Children have a right to support as well as a right to a relationship with both parents. Denying the children access to a non-custodial parent who is not paying child support punishes the children for the behavior of the parent.

Does support have to be paid when the children stay with the non-custodial/non-residential parent for more than a week at a time? Yes. Unless specified in the support order, support does have to be paid since the majority of child-related expenses continue whether or not the child is there. There are circumstances when an order may suspend or credit support for a period of time.

(From AFCC's Child Support pamphlet)



NZ Video Is Smashing! You're Still MUM and DAD

The Family Courts Association of New Zealand has provided AFCC with the right to distribute the video **You're Still MUM and DAD**. This video is being used by the Los Angeles and Maricopa County (Phoenix) Family Courts and has received rave reviews from all who have seen it. Professionally produced, this video presents divorce from the child's point of view and provides straight forward advice for parents about how to best help children adjust to the divorce. The video is an excellent resource for those courts and agencies which provide orientation or educational programs for parents and children. Copies of this video and other AFCC films may be purchased from AFCC for \$125. An order form is enclosed.

Mediation & Domestic Violence Video

The Judicial Council of California Administrative Office of the Court has developed a training and informational video on mediation and domestic violence. The two segment tape includes **Domestic Violence: The Crime That Tears Families Apart** and **Mediation: The Crucial Factor**. The tape was produced in response to California legislation requiring a training program for family court mediators on issues of domestic violence. The tape is accompanied by a two page discussion guide. Excerpts from AFCC's film, **A Family Affair** were included in the production of this video. The two-part video may be purchased from AFCC for \$125. Copies of **A Family Affair** may be purchased for \$450 or rented for \$60 in 16mm or video format from VISUCOM Productions, Inc., 1255 Veterans Blvd. Redwood City, CA 94063 (415) 364-5566. An order form is enclosed.

Winnipeg Call For Papers

AFCC's 1990 annual meeting will be held in Winnipeg, Canada May 30-June 2. Conference organizers have issued a Call for Papers to be included in the conference theme volume "Challenging Our Assumptions." Previously unpublished papers are requested in the following areas:

- judicial concerns in family law
- concerns of legal practitioners
- mental health issues related to family law
- mediation

- evaluation
- legislative issues
- development and organization of conciliation, mediation and evaluation programs.

Deadline for submission of final papers is December 1, 1989. Submit papers, resume and list of prior publications to: Linda Canelon or Sandra Dean, Family Conciliation, 14th Floor—405 Broadway Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba CANADA R3C3L6, (204) 945-6790.

Sexual Abuse Allegations Report Available

The final report of AFCC's **Sexual Abuse Allegations Project**, directed by Jessica Pearson, is now available. The two year study of sexual abuse allegations in divorce cases reports data collected from 13 courts and 12 protective services agencies. The study examines the nature and validity of the allegations in divorce cases, jurisdictional conflicts and case management issues. The report is available from AFCC for \$12.50. Order form is enclosed.

1989 Fall Regional Conferences

NORTHCENTRAL

The Northcentral Regional meeting will be held September 21-23, 1989 at the Embassy Suites in Indianapolis. The theme, **Impacting the Abusive/Addictive Client: A Professional Perspective** will focus on the dysfunctional family. Special topics include child abuse, spouse abuse, sexual abuse and addictions. A unique conferencing format will allow participants to delve into these timely topics and will offer an opportunity for interprofessional exchange. A pre-conference workshop on "Establishing a Court-connected Service" will also be offered. The Northcentral region takes great pride in welcoming new participants and extending AFCC hospitality. Registration for AFCC members (before Sept. 1) is \$75 and for non-members is \$90. A combined membership/registration fee is offered for \$145. Registration for the pre-conference workshop is \$35. Further information is available from conference chair Ellen Rudd, Domestic Relations Counseling Bureau, City-County Bldg., Room 742, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 (317) 236-3858.

SOUTHCENTRAL

The first Southcentral regional meeting and mid-year AFCC Board meeting will be held October 19-21, 1989 at the Dallas Sheraton (\$65/night). The conference theme will be **Healthy Resolutions to Divorce Issues**. The landmark findings of the Timberlawn Psychiatric Foundation's study on "The Healthy Family: Myth or Reality?" will be presented by Dr. Robert Stewart. Dr. William Hodges, University of Colorado, will discuss "Joint Custody: Problem or Solution." Other topics include ethical concerns for the guardian ad litem, the expert witness, protecting children through the litigation process, a judicial view of mediation and mediation research on outcome satisfaction. AFCC member early registration (before Sept. 20) is \$90 and non-member early registration is \$115. A combination new member/registration fee is offered for \$165. Contact Linda Hahn, Old Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Dallas TX (214) 653-7674.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDIATION NETWORK

AFCC and the Mediation Network of North Carolina, Guilford College and the North Carolina Bar Association are co-sponsoring the Southeastern Conference on **Mediation in the Main Stream**, Oct. 13-14 at Guilford College in Greensboro, NC. In addition to the workshops and conference plenary presentations on mediation of family issues, participants will have an opportunity to learn about the latest trends, programs and professional issues regarding mediation in the public arena, schools and the community. Further information may be obtained from Frank Laney, NC Bar Foundation, P.O. Box 12806, Raleigh, NC 27605 (919) 828-0561 or The Mediation Network, P.O. Box 217, Pittsboro, NC 27312 (919) 542-4010.

NORTHEAST

The Boston Downtown Quality Inn will be the sight of the Northeast regional meeting December 6-8, 1989. Further information may be obtained from Tim Salius, 28 Grand St., Hartford, CT 16106 (203) 566-8187 or Aza Butler, P.O. Box 6758, Towson MD 21285 (301) 887-6578.

Upcoming Regionals

Southwest—Sonoma Mission Inn, Napa, CA Jan. 28-30, 1990. Contact: Mary Duryee, Family Court Services, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94602 (415) 272-6030.

Northwest—Portland, OR Feb. 22-24, 1990. Contact: Jim Dudley, Family Services, Multnomah County Courthouse, 1021 SW 4th Ave., Portland, OR 97204 (503) 248-3189 or Marjory Hellman, King County Courthouse, Third & James W364, Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 583-4690.

Regional meetings are not limited to members of the geographic area. Each region welcomes the participation of all AFCC members and others interested in this field.

Post-conference trip to York, England

AFCC members, family and friends can round off the trip to Winnipeg, Canada for the 1990 annual meeting by joining the post-conference trip to York, England to participate in the conference of the Standing Committee for Interdisciplinary Cooperation in Family Proceedings June 11-13, 1990.

York is two hours by rail from London and Edinburgh and is the home of the "Yorvik Exhibition", a striking representation of life in York during the Viking era. Conference participants will be staying at the Novotel Hotel, near the center of the old walled city and close to many other attractions. A conference dinner is scheduled for the Merchant Tailors' Hall, the ancient Guild Hall of the city.

Although travel and tour plans are not finalized at this time, it appears that several travel options may be available. Members may depart the Winnipeg conference and tour England, Wales and Ireland before the York conference or may join a charter flight departing from the East coast immediately preceding the York conference. Tim Salius, Director Family Court Services, will be leading the tour. AFCC members Tony Wells, Janet Walker and Lisa Parkinson are among our UK members who will be eager to renew AFCC acquaintances. Further information will be available in the next Newsletter, however it would be helpful if you would communicate your travel interests to Tim Salius, 28 Grand St. Hartford, CT 06106 (203) 566-8187.

Dallas Conference Schedule

Wed. Oct. 18, 1989

5pm Executive Committee

Thurs. Oct. 19, 1989

7am-Noon Committee Meetings

1pm-5pm Board of Directors

6pm-7pm New Member Reception

Fri. Oct. 20, 1989

9am-5pm Conference Sessions

Sat. Oct. 21, 1989

7am-9am Tentative Board Meeting

9am-4:00pm Conference Sessions

Special Airfares Available for all AFCC Conferences

Conventions in America, Inc. has been selected as AFCC's airline representative for low-cost transportation to each of our regional and annual conferences. Air line reservations booked through Conventions in America, Inc. provide

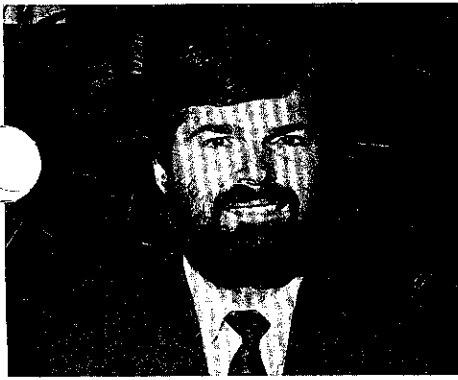
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1990 Meyer Elkin Essay Award

The second annual Meyer Elkin Essay Award will be presented at AFCC's annual meeting in Winnipeg, Canada. The topics are "The Need for Interdisciplinary Cooperation" and "The Relationship Between Financial (Distributive) and Relationship (Integrative) Issues in Divorce." Papers should follow the style of those in the **Conciliation Courts Review** and can be submitted by March 1, 1990 to Review co-editor Hugh McIsaac, Director Conciliation Court, Rm. 241, 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.



Frank Laney

AFCC members who attended the Arlington or Chicago conferences will have met Frank Laney or will know him by his reputation as AFCC's answer to Fred Astaire. Frank has whirled most of AFCC's female conference participants around the floor. He's also dancing his way through the alternative dispute resolution field. Frank is the Dispute Resolution Coordinator for the North Carolina Bar Association and a coordinator of the upcoming Southeast Conference on Mediation, October 13-14, 1989 in Greensboro, NC. Frank graduated from law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was a partner with the law firm of Huggard and Hensley in Raleigh. He has been the Dispute Resolution Coordinator for the North Carolina Bar for the past three years and has been an active participant in many of North Carolina's dispute resolution initiatives. He has taken advanced training as a divorce mediator and serves on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Mediation Network. Frank was elected to AFCC's Board of Directors this May and is eager to help the Association recruit members in the Southeast region. Frank was recently married to Anne and they look forward to an upcoming honeymoon in Hawaii. We hope that Frank will be able to keep his dancing shoes nearby and look forward to his other contributions to AFCC's Board of Directors. Welcome!

Folberg New Dean At USF

This has been a big year for Jay Folberg, former Executive Director of AFCC and a Past-President. Jay Folberg, formerly professor of law at Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, OR, was selected as Dean of the Law School at the University of San Francisco and elected President of the Academy of Family Mediators. Dean Folberg is well known to many AFCC members and colleagues in the alternative dispute resolution field. He is the co-author of **Mediation—A Comprehensive Guide to Resolving Conflicts Without Litigation** and co-editor of **Dispute Resolution: Theory and Practice**. Jay Folberg was selected from 60 applicants for the Deanship. Although he has no immediate plans for changes in the 77 year old law school, he is looking forward to expanding

the ADR curriculum and working with the faculty. As President of the Academy of Family Mediators, Folberg will be working with the Board of Directors to implement the long-range planning Committee's recommendations to expand the membership to include mediators who practice in areas beyond the family.

Levit and Taylor Receive AFCC Awards

Dr. Leonore Levit received AFCC's Distinguished Service Award at AFCC's annual meeting in Chicago for her many years of service and outstanding contributions to the development of court-connected marriage and family counseling and mediation services. Dr. Levit is a psychologist with the Cook County Family Court Services and has been an active AFCC Board member for a number of years. Dr. Levit, known to her friends as Lolly, has been a primary force behind the association's post-conference trips to New Zealand, Australia and England. AFCC is pleased to honor her in this manner and to welcome her back to the Board of Directors.

Alison Taylor was the recipient of AFCC's first annual Meyer Elkin Essay Award. She received a plaque and a check for \$250 for her article on "Shared Parenting: Is it Working?" Ms. Taylor is a counselor and mediator with the Clackamas County, Oregon Family Court Services. Her paper will be published in the next issue of the **Conciliation Courts Review**.

Member News

Joel Bankes, Director of the Family Support Center, Maricopa County (Phoenix), was installed as President of the Arizona chapter of AFCC.

Phil Bushard, Custody Supervisor with the Maricopa County (Phoenix) Conciliation Court recently received his doctorate degree in Public Administration. His dissertation was on "The Impact of Child Support Guidelines" and examined child custody cases in Arizona. Congratulations Phil!

Mary Duryee, Director of Family Court Services, Alameda County, California tied the marital knot on August 12th with David Nesmith. The two met while white water rafting. David is Conservation Director for the Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club. Mary is coordinating the AFCC Southeast Regional meeting at the Sonoma Mission Inn.

Michael Lang, Portland, ME attorney/mediator is President-elect of the Academy of Family Mediators. **Sarah Grebe**, Kensington, MD and **Paul Wahrhaftig**, Pittsburgh, PA were elected to the Board of AFM. They replace retiring Board members **Burt Zoub** and **Robert Benjamin**.

Mary Beth Gersich, Midland, is President of the Michigan Association of Court Mediators. MACM is preparing a mediation manual to include suggested mediation agreements

and a pre and post mediation evaluation form. Further information may be obtained from Mary Beth, Midland County Courthouse, Midland, MI 48640 (517) 832-6821.

Will you help sign up a new member?

AFCC is embarking on an aggressive membership drive. We need you to contact your colleagues and tell them about AFCC. This kind of personal contact with others in your field is the most effective way to add to our membership. **Tell someone today about AFCC and invite them to come to one of our regional or annual meetings.**

New Officers and Board Members

Executive Committee

President—Thomas Bishop, CT
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Job Opening

The Support and Custody Division of Baltimore County (Towson), Maryland has an opening for a child custody position. Responsibilities include divorce mediation, custody and adoption investigations and written reports to the Court. Salary range: \$21,000-26,500 in addition to liberal fringe benefits. Master's degree plus three years related experience preferred.

Contact: Aza Howard Butler, P.O. Box 6758, Towson, MD 21285-6758, (301) 887-6578.

McWhinney & Metcalfe Highlight Annual Meeting

Robert McWhinney's and Kathleen Metcalfe's audio-visual presentation on "Carnage and Compassion: Reflections on Conflict in Human Nature" touched the hearts and minds of the 300 participants at AFCC's annual conference in Chicago. Using a combination of selected readings and slides, the two Toronto therapists depicted society's attitude toward conflict over the ages.

Joan Kelly, noted California author, researcher and President of the Academy of Family Mediators, Thomas Bishop, AFCC incoming President and Hon. Susan Snow, conference chair and Associate Judge, Cook County set the opening tone of the conference with their provocative presentations on "The Role of the Court in Society's Future." Workshops included panel presentations on special problems of visitation, lawyer ethics, intransigent cases, pre-marital counseling, research, child sexual abuse, mediation, chemical dependency and parenting agreements. The professional enrichment was complimented by the wonderful entertainment presented by the Rumpelstiltskin Players and the Chicago Bar Association.

Mira Gearhart, Bailey Island, ME and Frank Montgomery, Salisbury, NC were the winners of the new member drawing for a complimentary luncheon and high tea for two at the Mayfair Regent Hotel.

Audio tapes of the plenary sessions and workshops may be purchased from AF cassettes, c/o Teach'em, Inc., 160 E. Illinois St., Chicago, IL 60611 (800) 225-3775.

Video Resources

The Dallas Association of Young Lawyers has produced a video "Don't Forget the Children" for use at the mediation orientation sessions for parents contesting custody and visitation of their children. The video includes messages from local judges to educate parents about the destructive effects of litigation and the benefits of mediation. A copy of the film may be purchased for \$20.00 for non-profit agencies and \$30.00 by others from DAYL c/o Dawn Fowler, Atty. 3316 Oak Grove Ave. Ste. 100, Dallas, TX 75204.

John Haynes, Ph.D. has developed a series of seven mediation videotapes. The tapes come with an annotated transcript, a viewer's guide and a trainer's guide. The tapes can be used for in-house training in courts and agencies. They can be purchased for \$100 each from Haynes Mediation Associates, 161 East Main St., Huntington, NY 11743 (516) 385-2490.

Mediation & Domestic Violence Forum

AFCC's Mediation and Family Violence Committees sponsored a national forum on mediation and domestic violence immediately preceding the annual conference in Chicago. Over 125 individuals, representing spousal abuse support groups, battered womens' shelters and mediators in public and private practice, participated in a "town hall" format to attempt to identify the issues and concerns regarding the use of mediation in cases involving alleged or actual instances of domestic abuse. Mary Pat Brygger, Executive Director, National Woman Abuse Prevention Project; Ruth Arkiss and Sharon Zingery, Mediators, Cook County Marriage and Family Counseling Service; Commissioner Stephen Gaddis, chair, AFCC Family Violence Committee, King County, Seattle; and Dr. Carl Schneider, Director, Mediation Services, Lutheran General Health Care Systems, Park Ridge, IL., presented the challenging issues from their areas of expertise. A participatory montage, moderated by Tom Bishop and the focus groups provided time for the participants to identify the issues, concerns and fears that have led various constituent groups to set forth policies and take positions regarding the use of mediation in these types of cases.

It is AFCC's desire to continue to host such forums and to provide opportunities for groups and individuals to define the issues and to find creative and effective solutions to the issues and concerns. Several of AFCC's upcoming regional conferences will include workshops and presentations on domestic violence and mediation and several court programs have advised the AFCC office that they are scheduling training programs with domestic violence center staff to increase their knowledge and expertise in this area. AFCC will be looking for funds for research and technical assistance and intends to again host a national forum in 1991 at the annual meeting in Pittsburgh, PA.

Individuals interested in assisting with the ongoing work of the project or knowing of potential funding sources should contact Aza Butler, Mediation Committee chair, P.O. Box 6758 Towson, MD 21285 (301) 887-6578 or Ann Milne, AFCC Exec. Dir., 329 W. Wilson St. Madison, WI 53703 (608) 251-4001.

Mediator's Guide Available

A Mediator's Guide to Domestic Abuse, produced by the Project on Battered Women and Mediation of the National Center on Women and Family Law is now available. Written by Myra Sun and Laurie Woods, the guide includes an overview of domestic abuse, implications for mediation, ethical duties of mediators and screening techniques. Copies may be obtained at no cost by contacting the National Center, 799 Broadway, Rm. 402, New York, NY 10003 (212) 674-8200.

Courts Receive Awards

The National Association of Counties recently selected Clark County (Las Vegas), Nevada and Orange County (Santa Ana), California to receive the NACo Achiever Award. Both awards were given to the child custody divisions for their mediation and custody evaluation programs. Clark County, Nevada has increased services and diminished the backlog of cases without any additional staff or expense to the county. Directed by AFCC Regional Conference Coordinator and Board Member Ruth Pearson Urban, Clark County has revised its procedures and forms to eliminate the adversarial nature of its services and has worked closely with the Bar Association to provide continuing legal education for family law lawyers. The Juvenile Court Dependency Mediation Program of Orange County, California was established in 1987. A total of 432 dependency cases were mediated during 1988. Of those cases, an over-all agreement rate of 90% was reached, with 60% of the cases coming to a total agreement on all issues and 28% resolving a portion of the issues. Jan Shaw, Director, indicates that attorneys representing each of the parents, the minor and Social Services participate in the mediation process. Further information may be obtained from Ruth Pearson Urban, Director, Clark County Courthouse, Child Custody Division, 200 S. 3rd. St., Ste. 407, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (702) 455-4185 and Jan Shaw, Director, Mediation and Investigative Services, P.O. Box 1994, Santa Ana CA 92702 (714) 834-4788.

AIDS and Family Law

Nearly 90,000 people in the US have contacted AIDS and 50,000 have already died. By 1991, the AIDS population is expected to triple and fatalities will reach 179,000. Questions of parenting capacity and concerns about the possible need to limit access of children to parents with AIDS are now being raised in Court. AFCC's Public Policy Committee, under the direction of AFCC Board member John Kydd, Seattle, has studied this issue. A twelve page policy paper was approved by the Board of Directors and is available for distribution. The paper presents the current guidelines of the Center for Disease Control regarding the transmission of AIDS and discusses their relevance to family law matters. Further information may be obtained from John Kydd, Bank of California Center, 900 4th Ave. Seattle, WA 98164 (206) 623-5221. Copies are available for \$2.50 prepaid from AFCC, 329 W. Wilson St., Madison, WI 53703.



Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Publication & Video Order Form

PAMPHLETS

Parents Are Forever: Internationally acclaimed pamphlet used by family courts, lawyers, counselors and mediators to help families in the divorce process. Pamphlet addresses custody and visitation issues and helps parents use the divorce experience as an opportunity for growth.

Guide For Stepparents: Little has been written to help the numbers of parents who remarry after a divorce. The guidelines offered in this pamphlet can help resolve some of the questions and concerns of the blended family.

Joint Custody: A New Way of Being Related: This pamphlet provides helpful guidelines for parents considering joint custody of their children and suggestions for what to include in a joint custody agreement.

Twenty Questions Divorcing Parents Ask About Their Children: This pamphlet answers 20 of the most commonly asked questions about how to help children adjust to divorce.

Is Mediation For Us? Presented in a clear and concise manner, this pamphlet describes the mediation process and how it can be helpful to families in resolving divorce-related conflicts.

Child Support: Child support is often a source of hostility between parents. This pamphlet provides gender-neutral answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about child support.

PUBLICATIONS

***Sexual Abuse Allegations:** Results of a two year study conducted by Dr. Jessica Pearson on the nature and validity of sex abuse allegations in families going through divorce.

Guidelines For Court-Connected Child Custody Evaluations: This 25 page booklet is a procedural guide that can be used by evaluators charged with the responsibility of preparing custody evaluations for domestic relations courts.

Guidelines For Establishing A Court-Connected Counseling Service: A 40 page manual which provides helpful information about how to establish a court-connected counseling, evaluation and mediation service.

Model Standards of Practice for Family & Divorce Mediation: The Model Standards are the product of three national symposia (1982-84), convened by AFCC, on standards of practice for family and divorce mediators.

AIDS And Family Law: This 12 page paper presents current guidelines of the Center for Disease Control regarding the transmission of AIDS and discusses their relevance to family law cases. This paper was approved as a policy statement of AFCC.

FILMS/VIDEO TAPES

***You're Still MUM And DAD (New Zealand):** Developed by the Family Courts Association of New Zealand, this film depicts children's views about divorce and provides advice for parents on how to better relate to each other and to the children. Color, 30 minutes.

You're Still Mom and Dad: A sensitive portrayal of the issues of joint custody. Designed for parents, professionals and others who wish to understand and implement this post-divorce parenting plan. Color, 38 minutes.

Domestic Violence: The Crime That Tears Families Apart and Mediation: The Crucial Factor: Produced by the Judicial Council Administrative Office of the Court of California, this two-segment video provides information for mediators and others on domestic violence and mediation.

***Putting The Pieces Together:** Developed by the Clackamas County Family Court Service, this video depicts the mediation of several disputes between a divorcing couple. Color, 50 minutes.

A Family Affair: Designed to inform judges and other professionals about the legal remedies and implications of spousal abuse. This film has received several prestigious awards for its portrayal of this sensitive family problem. Available in 16 mm or video cassette from VISUCOM Productions, Inc., 1255 Veterans Blvd., Redwood, CA 94063. Rental—\$60/3 days; Purchase—\$450.

***Divorce Mediation—Theory and Practice:** Co-edited by Jay Folberg and Ann Milne and published by Guilford Publications, this volume brings together a wide range of noted practitioners and researchers in one comprehensive and interdisciplinary work.

***Marriage, Divorce, and Children's Adjustment:** Written by Robert Emery, Ph.D., this 160 page book offers research and analysis of the family divorce process and the accompanying therapeutic and legal interventions.

My Mom And Dad Are Getting A Divorce: Written by Florence Bienenfeld, an AFCC member and former conciliation court counselor, this colorfully illustrated book appeals to children whose parents are going through divorce and helps parents to understand their children's feelings. Available for \$3.95 plus \$1.25 postage and handling from Changing Times Service, Division of EMC Publishing, 300 York Ave., St. Paul, MN 55101.

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Parents Are Forever	\$.25	_____	_____
Guide for Stepparents25	_____	_____
Joint Custody: A New Way of Being Related25	_____	_____
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Is Mediation For Us?25	_____	_____
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Model Standards of Practice for Family & Divorce Mediation	2.50	_____	_____
AIDS & Family Law	2.50	_____	_____
Divorce Mediation—Theory and Practice	31.50	_____	_____
Marriage, Divorce, and Children's Adjustment	12.95	_____	_____
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You're Still Mom & Dad	125.00	_____	_____
Domestic Violence: The Crime That Tears Families Apart <i>and</i> Mediation: The Crucial Factor	125.00	_____	_____
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Research News

Center For Policy Research & AFCC Receive Funds

The Center for Policy Research, directed by Jessica Pearson and Nancy Thoeness, in collaboration with AFCC, has been notified by the State Justice Institute that three court-related projects have been funded. "The Impact of Mandatory Mediation Project" will augment a locally conducted Marion County (Indianapolis) project directed by Ellen Rudd, Director of the Domestic Relations Counseling Service. This project will look beyond child custody and visitation issues to study the ancillary effects of mediation on levels and payment of child support.

"The Visitation Enforcement Project" will include a national survey of visitation enforcement programs, how they operate and their effectiveness and how they affect payment of child support. A research analysis of cases in Phoenix, Los Angeles, and Michigan will be included.

"The Court-based ADR interventions in Child Abuse and Neglect Project" will research the use of dispute resolution techniques in abuse and neglect cases in several jurisdictions, including Connecticut, Los Angeles, and New Jersey.

Judicial Council of California

The California Judicial Council distributes money annually for research in family law and mediation. The first round of grant projects will be completed in 1990. They include: "The Impact of the Custody Plan on the Family—A Five Year Follow-Up" conducted by Margaret Little, Los Angeles; "Mediation Outcome and Followup Surveys," contact person Mary Duryee, Alameda County; "Analysis of California Child Support Guidelines" conducted by Robert Williams, Denver; "Client Survey" conducted by Joseph Duquesnal, Orange County, California. The Judicial Council has also funded two projects concerned with domestic violence: "Supervised Parent/Child Visitation for Abusive Parents", conducted by David Rosenhan, Stanford; and "Developing Guidelines for the Resolution of Disputed Custody and Visitation Where Children Have Witnessed Domestic Violence", Janet Johnston, Principle Investigator. Further information on these projects may be obtained from Charlene Depner, Ph.D., the Judicial Council of California, (415) 557-4129.

Conciliation in England & Wales

The Family and Community Dispute Research Centre at the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne is studying the impact of various forms of social conflict and alternative dispute resolution. A recent report documents the costs and effectiveness of conciliation in England and Wales. Contact Janet Walker, Family and Community Dispute Research Centre, King George VI Bldg., The University, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU, England. Tel. (091) 222-6000, ext. 7644.

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Doing Anything in 1992?

If not, how would you like to host AFCC's annual conference? It's not too late (or too early!) to contact the Conference Planning Committee and talk with them about hosting a conference in May, 1992.

For more information, contact Bob Tompkins, Deputy Director, Family Division, 28 Grand Street, Hartford, CT 06106 (203) 566-7973 or Ruth Pearson Urban, Clark County Courthouse, Child Custody Division, 200 S. 3rd. Street, Suite 407, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (702) 455-4185.

Public Benefit Issues

The National Institute for Dispute Resolution has published "Public Benefit Issues in Divorce Cases: A Manual for Mediators." The manual was prepared by the Washington DC-based Center for Law and Social Policy. Individual copies are available free of charge from NIDR, 1901 L Street NW, Ste 600, Washington DC 20036 (202) 466-4764.

Upcoming Events

September 21-23, 1989
AFCC Northcentral Regional Conference
Indianapolis Embassy Suites
Contact: Ellen Rudd
Domestic Relations Counseling Bureau
City-County Bldg., Rm 742
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 236-3858

October 2-7, 1989
Trainers Institute
San Francisco
Contact: The Community Board Program
149 Ninth Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 552-1250

October 11-14, 1989
NASW Annual Conference
San Francisco
Contact: NASW
7981 Eastern Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(800) 638-8799

October 13-14, 1989
Mediation Network of North Carolina
Greensboro, NC
Contact: Claire Miller
302 Weaver St.
Carrboro, NC 27510
(919) 929-8800

October 19-21, 1989
AFCC Southcentral Conference and mid-year Board Mtg
Dallas Hyatt Regency
Contact: Linda Hahn
Family Court Services
Old Courthouse/3rd Floor
Dallas, TX 75202
(214) 653-7674

October 19-22, 1989
SPIDR Conference
Washington, DC
Contact: SPIDR
1730 Rhode Island Ave. NW
Ste. 909
Washington, DC
(202) 833-2188

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October 25-28, 1989

Family Mediation Canada
Vancouver, BC
Contact: FMC
123 Woolwich St.
Guelph, Ontario CANADA N1H 3V1

October 26-29, 1989

AAMFT Annual Meeting
San Francisco
Contact: AAMFT
1717 K Street NW, #407
Wash DC 20006
(202) 429-1825

October 26-29, 1989

November 9-12, 1989

December 7-10, 1989

January 4-7, 1990

Family Mediation Training
San Francisco
Contact: John Lemmon
5248 Boyd Ave.
Oakland, CA 94618
(415) 547-8089

November 4-5 & 18-19, 1989

Divorce Mediation Training
Carl Schneider & Zena Zumeta
Contact: Carl Schneider, Ph.D.
1875 Dempster St. Ste. 365
Park Ridge, IL 60068
(312) 696-6023

November 8-12, 1989

Divorce Mediation Training
Contact: Dispute Management, Inc.
P.O. Box 532096
Orlando, FL 32853
(800) 541-7855

December 6-10, 1989

Mediation Training
Contact: Haynes Mediation Associates
161 E. Main St.
Huntington, NY 11743
(513) 385-2490

May 30-June 2, 1990

AFCC Annual Meeting
Winnipeg, CANADA
Contact: Lorraine Martin
Family Conciliation, 9th Floor
405 Broadway Ave.
Winnipeg, Manitoba CANADA R3C 3L6
(204) 945-7236

June 11-13, 1990

**Interdisciplinary Cooperation
in Family Proceedings**
York, England
Contact: Tony Wells
Albion Chambers Annexe
Small Street
Bristol, England BS1 1BZ
(0272) 264608
or Tim Salius
28 Grand Street
Hartford, CT 06106
(203) 566-8187

September 20-22, 1990

**AFCC Northcentral Conference
and mid-year Board Mtg.**
Kansas City, MO
Contact: Carol Roeder-Esser
10755 Oakmont
Overland Park, KS 66210
(913) 831-2550

October 21-24, 1990

Family Mediation Canada & AFCC NE Regional
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Contact: Hon. R. James Williams
Family Court
P.O. Box 1253
Dartmouth, NS Canada B2Y 3B9
(902) 424-4630
or Paul Young
(519)836-7750

May 22-25, 1991

AFCC Annual Meeting
Pittsburgh, PA
Contact: Hon. Lawrence Kaplan
Family Division
604 City-County Bldg.
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