47th Annual Conference
Denver, Colorado
Traversing the Trail of Alienation

JUNE 2-5, 2010
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AFCC is an interdisciplinary association of professionals dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through the resolution of conflict.
The very word “alienation” casts a cloud of controversy over family law proceedings. It represents personal and painful experiences for some, while others deny its existence. It can strike fear into the hearts of family members and professionals alike. And it sometimes seems as though the more we try to understand, the less we seem to know.

Join AFCC and the world’s leading experts in Denver as we Traverse the Trail of Alienation
What Are People Saying About AFCC?

“AFCC has been a life-saver throughout my career. I constantly utilized information from conferences, training sessions and the journal, and held frequent seminars with our local court to share information.”
— Elizabeth Scott, Ph.D., Champaign, IL

“I find AFCC to be a model of what an engaging, resourceful and member responsive professional organization should be. I have been a member for over 25 years and am proud to be a part of this association.”
— Bernie Mayer, Ph.D., Kingsville, Ontario, Canada

“Simply the most eclectic, innovative, gutsy and absolute-hands-down-BEST family mental health/family law organization in existence.”
— Barry Coakley, Ph.D., Dallas, TX

“I’ve been a fan of AFCC since 1981, when I attended my first conference. Participation in AFCC transformed my practice, helped me develop critically important professional relationships and friendships, and continues to be a core part of my work life.”
— Leslie Ellen Shear, J.D., Los Angeles, CA

Why Should You Attend AFCC’s 47th Annual Conference?

No other interdisciplinary conference provides the breadth and depth of an AFCC Annual Conference.

More Conference Sessions than Ever Before
AFCC’s 47th Annual Conference features more than 90 sessions from which to choose. From alienation to negotiation, research to practice or domestic abuse to child abuse and neglect; this conference has something for judges, lawyers, custody evaluators, mediators, therapists, parenting coordinators, parent educators and anyone working with children and families in conflict.

Continuing Education Credits
For lawyers, psychologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, mental health professionals, mediators and custody evaluators.
For specific details, please see page 27.

AFCC Member Price Freeze Extended
The freeze on AFCC member pricing, implemented in 2008, has been extended through 2010. If you are not a member of AFCC, join with your conference registration and save $100 or more.

Conference Scholarships
AFCC will grant 50 conference scholarships, with a limited number including travel stipends. For more details, please see page 27.

Downtown Denver
Denver is one of the most accessible cities in the United States. The Sheraton Denver Downtown is located on the 16th Street Mall, steps from the Denver Pavilions entertainment and shopping complex, featuring restaurants, upscale shopping and an array of activities and events.

Collaborating Organizations

AFCC Colorado Chapter
American Humane
ABA Section of Dispute Resolution
ABA Section of Family Law
Association for Conflict Resolution
Colorado Bar Association Family Law Section
Colorado Collaborative Law Professionals
Colorado Judicial Office of Dispute Resolution
International Academy of Collaborative Professionals
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

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Invitation from the President

I am delighted to invite you to the AFCC 47th Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado, June 2-5, 2010 at the Sheraton Denver Downtown. The conference theme is *Traversing the Trail of Alienation: Rocky Relationships, Mountains of Emotion, Mile High Conflict*. Alienation is a topic that evokes strong emotions, intense feelings, divergent opinions and a range of assumptions. Answers to the questions it raises seem few and far between.

As the leading interdisciplinary association in our field, AFCC has an obligation to attempt to address the questions that cut across professional boundaries, creating dilemmas for legal, mental health and dispute resolution practitioners, educators, legal scholars and social science researchers. For this reason we are providing a forum that will enable those with different views to present, discuss, debate, question and explore their own and each other’s perspectives.

Respectful discussion of the issues that challenge us daily can only help move our field forward. By listening to and learning from one another we will become stronger, better and more informed practitioners, policy makers and researchers; and by learning from one another we will better assist the children and families we serve. I am excited about the opportunity this conference presents to all of us, and hope you will come to Denver and join what promises to be a thought-provoking, informative and exciting discussion.

The AFCC Board of Directors recently voted to extend the member price freeze at 2008 levels until January 2011. We hope that this gesture will make it a bit easier for you to attend. Conference scholarships are also available (see page 27). I look forward to seeing you in Denver.

My personal regards,

[Signature]

Justice Emile R. Kruzick

AFCC Annual Conference Goes Green

AFCC’s 47th Annual Conference is going green! Conference registrants will receive conference handouts in an electronic format. Registrants who wish to print paper copies can access handouts online before and after the conference. Also, conference tote bags are made from recycled materials and are flat-bottomed bags that can be re-used for grocery shopping. A special thanks to tote bag sponsors: Christine Coates, J.D.; Complete Equity Markets; Philip M. Stahl, Ph.D.; High Conflict Institute & New Ways for Families; Shirley Thomas, Ph.D.; Transparenting; www.ChildSharing.com; www.OurFamilyWizard.com; www.UpToParents.org; and Zena Zumeta and the Mediation & Training Consultation Institute.
# Conference at a Glance

## TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010
- **6:00pm-8:00pm** Conference Registration

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010
- **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
- **5:00pm-6:00pm** Conference Orientation and Networking
- **7:00pm-8:30pm** Opening Session
- **8:30pm-9:30pm** Welcome Reception
  - **9:30pm-12:00am** AFCC Hospitality Suite

## THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2010
- **6:30am-7:15am** Yoga
- **7:30am-5:00pm** Conference Registration
- **7:30am-5:00pm** Exhibitor Forum
- **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** Workshops 1-12
- **12:00pm-1:30pm** AFCC Awards Luncheon
- **1:45pm-3:15pm** Workshops 13-24
- **3:15pm-3:30pm** Break and Exhibitor Forum
- **3:30pm-5:00pm** Workshops 25-35
- **3:30pm-6:00pm** Workshop 36 Judicial Officers Forum
- **5:15pm-6:30pm** Open Forum — AFCC Child Custody Consultation Task Force
- **5:15pm-6:30pm** Open Forum — Child Protection Mediation Best Practices
- **6:30pm-7:30pm** Mentorship, Young Professionals and Student Networking
- **9:00pm-12:00am** AFCC Hospitality Suite

## FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2010
- **6:30am-7:15am** Yoga
- **7:00am-8:00pm** AFCC Committee Meetings
- **7:30am-5:00pm** Conference Registration
- **7:30am-5:00pm** Exhibitor Forum
- **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** Family Court Review Editorial Board Meeting
- **1:45pm-3:15pm** Workshops 37-48
- **3:15pm-3:30pm** Break and Exhibitor Forum
- **3:30pm-5:00pm** Workshops 49-60
- **5:30pm-7:00pm** AFCC Silent Auction and Reception
- **7:00pm-9:00pm** AFCC Annual Banquet
  - **9:30pm-12:00am** AFCC Hospitality Suite

## SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010
- **7:30am-12:30pm** Conference Registration
- **8:00am-12:30pm** Exhibitor Forum
- **8:00am-9:00am** Coffee and Rolls
- **8:00am-9:00am** AFCC Membership Meeting
- **9:15am-10:45am** Workshops 61-70
- **10:45am-11:00am** Break and Exhibitor Forum
- **11:00am-12:30pm** Workshops 71-80
Pre-conference Institutes

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010

9:00am-4:30pm

1. Advanced Parenting Coordination: Strategies Based in Conflict Theory and Social Science Research

This institute is designed for parenting coordinators who have prior training in the role, functioning and ethical issues associated with parenting coordination. Presenters will focus on advanced strategies and interventions that PCs can use to help high conflict parents reduce entrenched destructive conflict and reorganize a more effective co-parental relationship. Techniques for integrating relevant social science research in work with parents to encourage improved parenting and removing children from the middle of parental disputes will be discussed, and the rationale and techniques for incorporating children's voices in the parenting coordination process described. Participants will analyze conflict patterns and consider interventions tailored for their clients and will also focus on effective drafting of decisions and memos to foster compliance with court orders. Group exercises using complex dispute scenarios will focus on how PCs analyze issues and develop priorities for intervention and decision making.

Joan B. Kelly, Ph.D., Psychologist, Corte Madera, CA
Christine A. Coates, M.Ed., J.D., Boulder, CO

2. Anatomy of a Parenting Plan

Child custody cases often hinge on the development, implementation and adaptation of a parenting plan that meets the changing needs of children and reflects the changing capacities of parents to meet those needs. Ambiguous orders or impractical arrangements may send families back to court unnecessarily while a clear and practical plan will meet the interests of the children and parents. This institute is designed for lawyers, mediators, evaluators, judges and all professionals involved in crafting parenting plans. Presenters and participants will explore best practices for developing and drafting enforceable, child-centered, practical parenting plans.

Bruce Harshman, Ph.D., Sherman Oaks, CA
Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis, Los Angeles, CA
Leslie Ellen Shear, J.D., CFLS, Los Angeles, CA

3. Hot Minds or Hot Heads? How the Brain Reacts to Conflict and How to Use Strategic, Skill-Based Tools to Help Mediation Clients

How can people think rationally when their cognitive processes are being impacted by anger and high emotion? The morning of this institute will focus on the inner workings of the brain and how research can help mediators create tools for effective conversations with highly reactive clients, including assessing the readiness of high conflict couples. Participants will also explore how this knowledge helps us develop durable parenting plans. The afternoon will emphasize communication and mediation skills as participants explore macro and micro issue spotting, tempo and pacing of questions, mirror tone and body language, sensory modality techniques, and when to use venting, validation and caucus.

Nina Meierding, J.D., Bainbridge, WA
Jennifer Kresge, M.A., LMFT, Mediation and Counseling Services, St. Helena, CA

4. The ABCs and XYZs of Alienation and Estrangement: A Primer (and more) for the Courtroom

Courts are challenged by families with children who resist contact with or reject a parent and with accusations and counter-accusations of alienation and abuse. The presenters will look at the ABCs of why a child rejects a parent by providing definitions and hypotheses regarding the causes and data on the overlap among the various dynamics. Presenters will emphasize the evidence that needs to be proven based on behaviors rather than on labeling and blaming family members. In examining the XYZs the presenters will discuss the interventions, case management, and therapeutic work called for, including interventions that are feasible, practical and facilitate behavior change that result in the parties being held accountable. This institute will focus on the judicial role and be of primary interest to judges and judicial officers.

Leslie Drozd, Ph.D., Newport Beach, CA
Nancy Williams Olesen, Ph.D., San Rafael, CA
Hon. R. James Williams, Halifax, NS, Canada

5. Risky Business: Privacy Interests in Child Custody Cases

This institute will address current issues related to privacy interests and mental health professionals’ obligations in child custody cases. Professionals are often faced with contradictory instructions and legal standards when dealing with children’s and adults’ statements and behavior. The challenges of serving high conflict families have led to new models of intervention with enhanced accountability and limited confidentiality. This interactive institute will address the obligations of treating mental health professionals and the challenges posed to traditional models when high-conflict families are involved. Case scenarios involving the collisions of professional obligations will be explored, as will practical strategies to address dilemmas that arise in complex cases.

Lyn Greenberg, Ph.D., Los Angeles, CA
Hon. Gail Perlman, Northampton, MA

6. New Ways for Families

This institute explains procedures and case examples for a new short-term, structured method for high conflict parents that teaches three conflict-reducing skills before major decisions are made. New Ways involves six sessions of individual counseling/education for each parent using a structured parent workbook, followed by three sessions of parent-child counseling, where each parent separately teaches the child/ren the same three skills: flexible thinking, managed emotions, and moderate behaviors. All professionals reinforce these skills throughout the case. It is based on cognitive-behavioral skill-building treatment for personality disorders, and specifically structured to address child alienation and other abuse issues in a systems approach.

Bill Eddy, LCSW, J.D., President, High Conflict Institute, Scottsdale, AZ
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Welcome: Hon. Emile R. Kruzick, AFCC President, Brampton, ON, Canada
Chief Justice Mary J. Mullarkey, Colorado Supreme Court

Parental Alienation and the DSM–V
Recent efforts to include parental alienation in the American Psychiatric Association’s Diagnostic and Statistical Manual have spurred debate among professionals who work with separated and divorcing families. Does current knowledge provide support for a diagnostic category or is additional research needed? Should parental alienation be categorized as a mental disorder or relational problem? What would it take to make valid and reliable diagnoses and to differentiate alienation from alternative explanations? What will the impact be on the legal process of divorce? This session will provide an overview of various definitions of alienation, examine the challenges in reconciling disparate views and discuss possible implications of including parental alienation in the DSM–V.

William Bernet, M.D., Vanderbilt University Department of Psychiatry, Nashville, TN
Amy J.L. Baker, Ph.D., Fontana Center for Child Protection, New York, NY
Peter Jaffe, Ph.D., University of Western Ontario, London, ON, Canada
Janet R. Johnston, Ph.D., San Jose State University, San Jose, CA

Moderator: Linda Elrod, J.D., Washburn School of Law, Topeka, KS

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8:30am-10:00am Plenary Session

Welcome: Robert M. Smith, J.D., M.Div., AFCC President Elect, Windsor, CO
Justice Rebecca Love Kourlis (ret.), Executive Director, Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System, Denver, CO

Helping Families with Children Who Reject Parents: Consensus, Controversies and Future Directions
Children who reject one parent present formidable challenges to mental health and legal professionals, while the issue of parental alienation elicits great public and professional controversy. This panel will discuss three very different types of interventions, similarities and differences in principles and procedures and experience with the outcomes of each approach. Areas of consensus will be identified, as well as points of disagreement, and the directions for future work needed to resolve controversies. Questions related to the interaction between the family justice system and mental health interventions will be addressed.

Robin M. Deutsch, Ph.D., Children and the Law Program, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
Steven Friedlander, Ph.D., San Francisco, CA
Richard Warshak, Ph.D., University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX

Moderator: Nicholas Bala, LL.B., LL.M., Queens University, Kingston, ON, Canada

10:00am-10:30am Break and Exhibitor Forum
10:30am-12:00pm  Workshops 1-12

1. Family Bridges: Principles, Procedures and Ethical Considerations in Reconnecting Severely Alienated Children with Their Parents

Family Bridges is an innovative educational and experiential program that for 18 years has facilitated the restoration of positive relationships between irrationally alienated children and adolescents and a parent they claim to hate or fear. Enrollment prerequisites, goals, principles, procedures, limitations, outcomes and ethical considerations are described and illustrated. Family Bridges establishes a safe and relaxed atmosphere in which participants learn from procedures and content rooted in social science research. The workshop debuts video material that courts, therapists and lawyers can use to help parents and children prevent and overcome disrupted relationships.

Richard A. Warshak, Ph. D., University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX
Mark R. Otis, Ph.D., Dallas, TX

2. Ethical Issues in Collaborative Law

In collaborative law, clients and lawyers agree in advance that if no settlement is reached, new counsel must be hired for litigation. Collaborative law is one of family law’s fastest growing areas of practice worldwide and it raises important questions about legal ethics. How can client-informed consent to participate in collaborative law be assured? Should collaborative lawyers have an obligation to screen for domestic violence? What challenges does the interdisciplinary team approach present? Does the disqualification clause create ethical challenges for lawyers? This panel brings together seasoned veterans of collaborative and traditional legal practice to examine these issues.

Timothy Walker, J.D., Mustain-Wood, Walker & Schumacher, Littleton, CO
Talia Katz, J.D., Executive Director, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, Phoenix, AZ
Ann C. Gushurst, LL.B., Guttermann Griffiths, Littleton, CO
Moderator: Andrew Schepard, J.D., Reporter, Uniform Collaborative Law Act, Hempstead, NY

3. The Developing Landscape of Parenting Coordination

This workshop presents research conducted by the AFCC Florida Chapter, from tracking programs statewide since 2003, to launching a statewide efficacy study in 2009. Presenters will discuss the research design, Phase I outcomes and preliminary data from Phase II. Participants will be able to apply the research outcomes to enhance programs and practices in their communities.

Debra Carter, Ph.D., National Cooperative Parenting Center, Bradenton, FL
Linda Fieldstone, M.Ed., Supervisor, Family Court Services, Miami, FL
Ruth S. Angaran, M.Ed., M.S.W., Counseling Associates, Gainesville, FL

4. Child Participation and Child Representation in Israel and Ontario

This workshop examines the question: what is the most effective way to give children a voice in custody proceedings without compromising their well-being? Presenters will contrast models for engaging children in the process: (1) an Israeli pilot project that gives children the right to be heard by a social worker or judge, and (2) an Ontario model of legal representation by the Office of the Children’s Lawyer. Presenters will examine the advantages and disadvantages of meetings between children and judges, and the impact of parental alienation on children brought before the court.

Dena Moyal, LL.B., Office of the Children’s Lawyer, Toronto, ON, Canada
Tamar Morag, LL.B., LL.M., Hebrew University, Rishon Lezion, Israel

5. Something Old, Something New: A Thirty-Year Perspective on Dispute Resolution Practices

In the nearly three decades since the first mandatory mediation statute was implemented, the fields of dispute resolution and family law have gone through some important and dramatic changes. The legal profession has moved from adversarial to more interest-based approaches. New processes such as parenting coordination and collaborative law have expanded the menu of dispute resolution options. Courts programs have re-engineered services to address increasingly complex caseloads and diminishing resources. How has the mediation and dispute resolution field evolved over the last thirty years? Has it remained true to its original values? Has it lived up to its potential? And what of the next thirty? What new directions is it likely to take? Join four veterans of mediation and court services to examine these questions.

Peter Adler, Ph.D., The Keystone Center, Keystone, CO
Susan Hanks, Ph.D., Alameda County Families and Children’s Bureau, Oakland, CA
Bernie Mayer, Ph.D., Werner Institute for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, Kingsville, ON, Canada
Ernest Sanchez, M.S.W., Senior Mediator, Los Angeles Superior Court, San Fernando, CA

6. Resisting the Pressure to Choose: A School-Based Program

This workshop provides the theoretical and research underpinnings of a newly developed school-based prevention program to help children deal with parental loyalty conflicts and resist the pressure to choose one parent over another. The program is designed to help children develop and strengthen core protective factors through four problem-solving approaches for dealing with loyalty conflicts: critical thinking, considering options, listening to one’s heart, and getting support from within oneself and from others. The purpose, structure, and content of the program will be presented.

Amy J. Baker, Ph.D., Fontana Center for Child Protection, New York, NY
Dara Blumenberg, MBA, Kindred Spirits, New York, NY

The concept of gatekeeping has been finding its way into the literature on child custody evaluation in various contexts such as relocation and partner violence. Gatekeeping helps ground evaluators’ predictions on best parenting plans and makes for more efficient judicial decision making. This workshop describes the concept and theory of gatekeeping, reviews the research literature and explains how to measure gatekeeping in child custody evaluation. Protective gatekeeping is discussed. Presenters will apply the concept to custody evaluations for cases involving alienation, partner violence and relocation.

William G. Austin, Ph.D., Steamboat Springs, CO  
H.D. Kirkpatrick, Ph.D., ABPP, Charlotte, NC  
James R. Flens, Psy.D., ABPP, Brandon, FL

8. Bridging the Gaps: A University-Court Collaborative Intervention Program for High Conflict Co-Parents and their Children

The interdisciplinary collaborative program offers a unique intervention that is cost effective and holistically addresses the needs of the family. Presenters will describe the program, identify the challenges in the development and evolution of this type of collaboration, discuss the research on program efficacy and assist participants in thinking about ways they might access and develop similar types of programs.

Charlene Berquist, Ph.D., Missouri State University, Springfield, MO  
Dawn Imler, LPC, Greene County Family Services, Springfield, MO  
James Meyer, Ph.D., Missouri State University, Springfield, MO  
Isabelle Bauman, Ph.D, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO


This workshop will explore the juxtaposition of research findings, practical experience, and states’ varying legal and policy-oriented regulation of mediations involving at least one self-represented party. Presenters will examine the demographics, likelihood of agreement, concerns about mediation, and party satisfaction when there are self-represented parties in a mediation; differences between cases with one, both or neither party represented by an attorney; how states regulate these kinds of mediations; and whether state regulatory structures adequately address the concerns and issues that arise when mediating with self-represented parties.

Connie J.A. Beck, Ph.D., University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ  
Amy G. Applegate, J.D., Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, IN  
Robin Ballard, Graduate Student, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

10. Unified Family Courts: Are They Doing What We Expect of Them?

Unified Family Courts are designed to address the needs of families and children in crisis, including high-conflict families. As these model court systems have proliferated, court administrators are considering whether they are doing what planners expected them to do. Court personnel are grappling with how to assess the court’s effectiveness in cases affecting families and children in crisis. There are a variety of state-specific approaches to measure court performance. This panel examines different approaches to the challenges Unified Family Courts face in assessing their own effectiveness.

Barbara Babb, J.D., M.S., University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD  
Gloria H. Danziger, J.D., M.Phil., University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD  
Sharon Rubinstein, J.D., University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD

11. Unraveling Coercive Control and High Conflict Dynamics in Alternative Dispute Resolution Settings

Practitioners and researchers have recently highlighted the need to expand our understanding about the nature and causes of domestic violence as these factors relate to lethality, risk and resiliency in families attempting to resolve child welfare, custody and parenting-time disputes. This workshop will introduce, through a contextual analysis of ADR case material, the theoretical underpinnings of high conflict and coercive control patterns while offering specific techniques to assist in screening, triage, assessment and intervention when domestic violence or parental alienation has been alleged.

David Broselli, M.A.S., New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts, Trenton, NJ  
Cynthia Wilcox Lischick, Ph.D., Rutgers University, Newark, NJ

12. Divorce Detox: Tools for Reducing Acrimony and Enhancing Cooperation

This workshop will show how professionals can aid clients to “detox” from counter-productive mind-sets about the former spouse, separation, divorce, negotiations, and co-parenting. The presenter will discuss how the integration of both the emotional and rational functions of the brain is essential and how simple tools and structures can be used to break through resistances and encourage healthy decisions and relationships.

Isolina Ricci, Ph.D., San Ramon, CA

12:00pm-1:30pm AFCC Awards Luncheon  
Presiding: Hon. Emile Kruzick, AFCC President
13. Interventions for Hybrid Cases Involving Alienation: Case Studies

This workshop will examine different approaches—including case management, clinical and educational interventions—used in several complex, hybrid cases involving alienation in order to promote change in the behaviors, beliefs, and feelings of the child as well as of the parents. The cases involve: alienation and estrangement; alienation and enmeshment; and alienation, enmeshment and estrangement. Presenters will examine case histories, decision making involved in designing the interventions for each case and the implementation process and outcomes for each intervention.

Marjorie G. Walters, Ph.D., San Rafael, CA
Steven Friedlander, Ph.D., San Francisco, CA
Hon. R. John Harper, London, ON, Canada

14. Constitutional Rights and the Best Interests of Children—Strange Bedfellows?

This workshop explores the tension between the rights of parents and protecting the best interests of children. Constitutional issues in family law cases will be discussed as how to maintain an awareness of those issues when performing evaluations and advocating for your client. Presenters will also address how to handle cases when constitutional rights and the best interests of the children do not lead to the same result.

Steven Epstein, J.D., Litvak Litvak Mehrtens and Epstein, Denver, CO
Frances C. Fontana, J.D., Fontana & Associates, Littleton, CO

15. Descriptions of Rigid Family Patterns: A Challenge to the Alienation Label

Presenters will explore how the label “alienation” limits and calibrates interventions. Case studies will be used to demonstrate the link between generating alternate problem descriptions and unlocking new avenues for possible intervention and remediation potential in so-called cases of alienation. Various strategies, including systemic descriptions to generate alternate problem descriptions, will be demonstrated. The Duchen-Grid system as a web-based support tool to deconstruct the concept of alienation will be described.

Robyn L. Fasser, M.A., Sandton, South Africa
Ronel Duchen, M.A., D.Litt et Phil, Johannesburg, South Africa

16. High Conflict Families and Alienation: Judicial and Therapeutic Intervention in Israel Family Court

The Israel Family Court Services Unit is an integral, statute mandated part of the Israel Family Court. This workshop examines how early identification and intervention, and close collaboration and coordination of therapeutic and judicial roles can help families in situations of high conflict and parental alienation.

Hon. Philip Marcus, Jerusalem Family Court, Jerusalem, Israel
Susan Lehmann, M.S.W., Family Court Services Jerusalem, Ministry of Welfare and Social Services, Israel

17. Foundations of Child Custody Evaluations

Guidelines from professional organizations and conceptual models of forensic practice provide a foundation for best practice in child custody evaluations. This workshop will explore how AFCC’s Model Standards and APA’s Guidelines are applied to practice. A forensic mental health assessment model to approaching child custody evaluations that is consistent with existing professional directives and literature in the other areas of forensic practice will be described.

Geri Fuhrmann, Psy.D., UMass Medical Center, Worcester, MA
Robert Zibbell, Ph.D., Tananbaum & Zibbell, Framingham, MA

18. The Lopsided High Conflict Divorce

In many high conflict divorces, only one spouse is driving the conflict; the “driver” can appear quite charming in court or in the practitioner’s office and therefore private behavior that is deceitful, emotionally abusive, and places the children and the other spouse at risk for further emotional and legal abuse is not seen. This workshop will focus on recognizing these lopsided cases and on interventions and cooperation needed by the professionals involved to support and protect the spouse and the children from further emotional and legal abuse.

Emily Brown, M.S.W., Keybridge Therapy and Mediation Center, Arlington, VA

19. Building a Speciality Court for Families from the Ground Up

Innovative and creative approaches to problem-solving courts tend to be approached optimistically, yet with trepidation, and Ontario’s first Integrated Domestic Violence-Family Court is no exception. The lessons learned from the building of this speciality court will be shared with participants as will different perspectives on the process from the designated judges involved in the project and the counsel who worked through the wrinkles. Presenters will offer advice, encouragement, and practical solutions when faced with the myriad issues that arise when a problem-solving court is on your agenda.

Hon. Geraldine Waldman, Toronto, ON, Canada
Hon. Joseph Bovard, Toronto, ON, Canada
patti cross, LL.B., Ontario Court of Justice, Toronto, ON, Canada

20. Best Interest Parenting Time Schedules: The Intersection of Developmental Needs and Parenting Style

Crafting appropriate time sharing schedules is a difficult task, requiring consideration of more than just calendars and activities. Parents and courts want schedules that are convenient but these are rarely child-centered or in the child’s best interest. This session reviews child development stages and combines those with Baumrind’s parenting typology to arrive at “best interest” schedules. Research related to developmental issues, parenting styles and long-term post divorce adjustment will be reviewed. Case examples will be used to develop parent time schedules that exemplify the intersection of child development issues and parenting style.

Matthew Davies, Ph.D., Family, Adolescent, Child Treatment Services, Murray, UT
Jill Sanders, Ph.D., Silver Psychology Center, Fort Myers, FL
21. Mediation Ethics: Deal or No Deal
This interactive workshop will review the Model Standards of Practice for Family and Divorce Mediation Standard XI for guidance concerning when a mediator should consider suspending or terminating a mediation. Circumstances involving safety concerns, threats to abduct a child, party inability to participate meaningfully in mediation, illegal behavior, unconscionability, “unfair advantage” and mediator partiality concerns will be reviewed and participants will be invited to explore methods for analyzing specific cases where these issues may arise.
Gregory Firestone, Ph.D., University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

22. Translating Research on Children and Divorce into Resilience-Promoting Practice and Policy
The risks divorce and parent conflict pose for children are well known and research documents factors that contribute to children's long-term outcomes. Yet much of that research is an untapped resource, unknown and often misunderstood by professionals who work with families or set policy. This workshop will identify and translate key research on risk and protective factors that relate to long-term problems or healthy adjustment and resilience in children. Participants will explore factors that impact children's long-term adjustment, including evidence-based preventive interventions for children and parents.
JoAnne Pedro-Carroll, Ph.D., Author, Putting Children First: Proven Practices for Helping Children Thrive After Divorce, Rochester, NY

23. Assessment and Differential Interventions for Alienation Allegations: Punishing Parents or Helping Children?
Assessment and intervention strategies for dealing with allegations of parent-child alienation require professionals to fully understand and address these dynamics at the outset of proceedings. Through an analysis of complex cases, presenters will outline priorities for children's well-being and emphasize essential principles, such as do no harm and respecting the voice of the child. The workshop will offer a framework for fostering the prevention and early intervention for parent-child alienation.
Peter Jaffe, Ph.D., University of Western Ontario, London, ON, Canada
Dan Ashbourne, Ph.D., Centre for Children & Families in the Justice System, London, ON, Canada
Alfred Mamo, LL.B., McKenzie Lake Lawyers, London, ON, Canada
Hon. Donna Martinson, Vancouver, BC, Canada

24. The New Scope of Divorce: 25 Roles for Mental Health Professionals
This workshop will present a historic perspective on the interface between family law, divorce and psychology, and explore twenty-five separate roles for mental health professionals in divorce cases that have emerged in the past two decades. These roles include: pre-divorce roles, therapeutic roles, procedural and supportive roles, post-divorce roles and educational roles. Each role will be explored within the systemic, forensic context of divorce, addressing the inherent risks, unique ethical dilemmas and the special need for clear boundaries in this kind of work.
Donald T. Saposnek, Ph.D., Family Mediation Service, Aptos, CA

25. Group Weekend Retreat for Alienated and Estranged Families: An Intensive Model
This workshop offers an intensive model for intervention with alienated and estranged families based on the Overcoming Barriers Family Camp Program. Participants will learn a step-by-step approach with these families, including how and when to intervene with which parts of the family system and critical issues that must be addressed for successful intervention. The power of the multi-family group as a crucial dynamic will be discussed. The importance of clinical follow up will be addressed as will the necessity of collecting follow-up data.
Peggie Ward, Ph.D., Co-Parenting Assessment Center, Natick, MA
Robin M. Deutsch, Ph.D., Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
Matthew Sullivan, Ph.D., Palo Alto, CA

26. How Early Intervention in New Zealand Family Court Cases Helps Reduce Conflict and Alienation
Delay plagues family courts throughout the world, allowing conflict to exacerbate and family issues to intensify. What begins as a difficult case might become intractable. How can court processes better address this issue and encourage early resolution? This workshop examines the less adversarial trial and early intervention processes currently being undertaken in the New Zealand Family Court from judicial, research and psychological perspectives. Emphasis will be placed on the impact of robust early intervention processes.
Hon. Peter F. Boshier, Principal Family Court Judge, Wellington, New Zealand
Nicola Taylor, Ph.D., University of Otago, Auckland, New Zealand
Fred Seymour, Ph.D., University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand

3:15pm-3:30pm Break and Exhibitor Forum
3:30pm-5:00pm Workshops 25-35
27. Neutral Mediation in a Rights-Based Process: Adult Guardianship and Related Elder Mediation

Adult guardianship and eldercare mediations involve people whose decision-making ability may be diminished. There is danger that mediation might inadvertently be used to deprive a person of civil liberties without the due process protection of the court. This workshop examines the mediator's role in ensuring that consideration of protections for these individuals be explored. Presenters will discuss how a mediator can create a fair process, remain unbiased and non-evaluative, and be perceived by all parties as neutral and impartial.

Susan Butterwick, J.D., Ann Arbor, MI  
Zena D. Zumeta, J.D., Mediation Training and Consultation Institute, Ann Arbor, MI  
Karen Largent, M.S.W., Alaska Court System, Anchorage, AK

28. Alienating Parents, Alienating Attorneys

Can legal advocacy add fuel to the fire of an alienating parent? Must attorneys zealously represent their clients' position even with regard to alienation or is there an ethical duty to consider the best interest of the children? This workshop will explore these issues and help attorneys look at alienation from a different perspective. Tips will be provided for attorneys to dissuade their clients from engaging in problematic behaviors.

Ann C. Gushurst, LL.B., Gutterman Griffiths, Littleton, CO  
Tanya L. Akins, J.D., M.S.W., Gutterman Griffiths, Littleton, CO  
David Littman, J.D., M.A., Denver, CO

29. Researcher's Colloquium

This is an opportunity for social science researchers to discuss the current and future role of research in family court, dispute resolution and family law settings. Participants will explore a range of issues including individual and joint priorities, funding challenges, research partnerships with courts, practitioners and policymakers, and more. This session is designed specifically for researchers who are interested in exploring how researchers at AFCC can work together and draw from each other's work to advance the field.

Marsha Kline Pruett, Ph.D., M.S.L., Smith College for Social Work, Northampton, MA  
Beth Crawford, J.D., Trial Court of Massachusetts Hampshire Division, Northampton, MA  
Arnold T. Shienvold, Ph.D., Harrisburg, PA

30. Attorney-Mental Health Consultation in Child Custody Cases

This workshop will focus on the utility and risks of mental health consultation in child custody cases. Presenters will address the advantages and limitations of mental health consultation, the role of “the reviewer” and ethical issues such as “coaching” versus “consulting,” differences between “consultation” and “evaluation” and legal protections for the work of the consultant. Key relevant issues such as the necessity of role clarification, elements of informed consent and the propriety of consultant-client meetings will be considered. Audience members will participate in a case consultation and discussion of the diverse services offered under the mantle of attorney-mental health consultation.

David Medoff, Ph.D., Suffolk University, Newtonville, MA  
Alex Jones, J.D., Looney & Grossman, Boston, MA  
Mary Ferriter, J.D., M.P.A., Esdaille, Barrett & Esdaille, Boston, MA  
Philip M. Stahl, Ph.D., ABPP, Queen Creek, AZ

31. Mediation in the Shadow of Domestic Violence

Whether to mediate with couples who have experienced domestic violence has been a controversial question for decades. This workshop will address the most current research on intimate partner violence and the implications for mediation practice from the perspectives of an attorney who represents domestic violence victims and a seasoned mediator.

Arnold Swartz, LCSW, Lakewood, CO  
Dori DeJong, J.D., M.S.W., Denver, CO

32. Special Needs and Divorce

Although learning disabilities, ADHD, Asperger’s syndrome, and autism spectrum disorders present special challenges in connection with marital separation and divorce, relatively little research has been done on this topic. This workshop will review available research and offer practical guidance for accommodating these special needs in mediation and other collaborative divorce processes. This workshop will include a concise overview of relevant terminology and concepts. Presenters will focus on developing effective parenting plans for children with learning disabilities, ADHD, Asperger’s syndrome or autism spectrum disorders.

John Spiegel, J.D., Rockville, MD  
Judith Glasser, Ph.D., Chesapeake ADHD Center of Maryland, Silver Spring, MD

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AFCC Ninth Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations  
October 28-30, 2010  
Hyatt Regency Cambridge  
Cambridge/Boston, Massachusetts
33. How to Help High Conflict Co-Parents Learn Communication Skills and Strategies

Almost all professionals have had to address the “hopeless” case with no chance of success. Even some of the most difficult parents can learn new communication skills and strategies, appropriate limits and how to stop non-productive communication. They can learn to empathize with their co-parent. Participants in this workshop will examine programs that have been successful in helping high conflict parents learn to co-parent effectively.

Ed Budd, Ph.D., Highlands Ranch, CO
P. Leslie Herold, Ph.D., San Bernardino, CA
Shirley Thomas, Ph.D., Longmont, CO
Sue A. Waters, M.A., LPC, Denver, CO

34. Evaluating Allegations of Parental Substance Abuse in the Context of Parental Alienation

Custody and access disputes often involve allegations of parental substance abuse, and such abuse may be involved when allegations of parental alienation exist. Drug or alcohol involved parents may place their children at elevated risk for emotional, relational, safety and behavioral problems. In these adversarial circumstances the evaluator must both characterize substance abuse problems and contextualize them for the court when the parents have reasons to exaggerate or minimize the nature and extent of such problems. Presenters will present a child-focused approach to assessment emphasizing efficient data gathering. Specific parenting competencies rather than diagnostic categories will be explained and parenting plans involving structures to monitor behaviors of concern will be discussed.

Harry Somers, Ed.D., Somers Psychological Associates, North Andover, MA
Paul R. Duffly, Ph.D., Arlington, MA

35. The Settlement-Focused Parenting Plan Consultation: A New ADR Procedure for Divorcing Parents

The Settlement-Focused Parenting Plan Consultation is a hybrid ADR approach to help divorcing parents and their attorneys or mediators arrive at workable parenting plans. This confidential and voluntary process blends child custody evaluations, mediation and collaborative practice, at less than half the cost of a child custody evaluation. Workshop attendees will learn the specific procedures and sample documentation needed to implement a settlement-focused parenting plan consultation, the ethical and legal role of guidelines for the parenting plan consultant and how and when to refer.

Jeffrey Kahn, Ph.D., Santa Rosa, CA
Daniel Pickar, Ph.D., ABPP, Santa Rosa, CA

3:30pm-6:00pm

36. Judicial Officers Forum

Avoiding Pitfalls and Creating Solutions: Special Skills for Judges in Cases with Allegations of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence cases require special skills for judges. In this workshop the participants will learn to make a five-minute assessment of a family, including how to discern the likelihood that the relationship includes coercive control and/or conflict-instigated violence. Presenters will discuss how to choose a qualified evaluator and how to craft an appointment order that will best produce the information the court is seeking. Guidance will be provided for post judgment orders that create the accountability that is needed to assist these families and their children.

Leslie Drozd, Ph.D., Editor, Journal of Child Custody, Newport Beach, CA
Toby Kleinman, J.D., Adler and Kleinman, Piscataway, NJ
Lenore E.A. Walker, Ph.D., Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Moderator: Hon. William C. Fee, Angola, IN

5:15pm-6:30pm

Open Forum:
AFCC Child Custody Consultation Task Force

5:15pm-6:30pm

Open Forum:
Child Protection Mediation Best Practices Workgroup
A collaboration with AFCC, American Humane and Werner Institute for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

6:30pm-7:30pm

Mentorship, Young Professionals and Student Networking
If you are new to the field or to AFCC, and looking to connect with an experienced professional for mentorship, this is your opportunity.

Evening
Taste of Denver
See page 27 for details.

9:00pm-12:00am
AFCC Hospitality Suite
FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2010

6:30am-7:15am Yoga
7:00am-8:00am AFCC Committee Meetings
7:30am-5:00pm Conference Registration
7:30am-5:00pm Exhibitor Forum
7:30am-8:30am Coffee and Rolls
8:30am-10:00am Plenary Session

Welcome: Linda Fieldstone, M.Ed., AFCC Vice President, Miami, FL
David Johnson, J.D., President, Colorado Bar Association, Colorado Springs, CO

Addressing Allegations of Alienation: Judicial Dilemmas

Allegations of alienation are among the most challenging issues for those in a position to make the ultimate decision for families. How can judges ensure effective methods for identifying alienation, distinguishing it from other forms of high conflict or estrangement and managing the case appropriately? What are the most effective remedies or clinical interventions? How do judges weigh the risks and benefits of changing custody from a custodial parent to a rejected parent? What is the role of the child and the child’s counsel in these proceedings? What is the role of less adversarial processes? Join this panel of distinguished jurists as they share their thought processes and frustrations in addressing these difficult questions.

Federal Magistrate Dr. Tom Altobelli, Sydney, Australia
Hon. Paula Carey, Chief Justice, Massachusetts Probate and Family Court, Boston, MA
Hon. Donna Martinson, Vancouver, BC, Canada
Barbara Fidler, Ph.D., Toronto, ON, Canada

10:00am-10:30am Break and Exhibitor Forum
10:30am-12:00pm Plenary Session

Assessing Alienation in the Context of Domestic Violence and Child Brain Development

This session examines child brain development, typical attachment needs and how they might be affected by domestic violence. What claims and controversies surround the use of “alienation” evidence in domestic violence cases? When does consideration of alienation evidence promote and when does it fail to promote positive outcomes for children? What factors can help distinguish genuine concerns from litigation tactics? Presenters will consider alienation at the intersection of child attachment, child brain development and child needs in a domestic violence context.

Jean Clinton, M.D., Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada
Linda C. Neilson, LL.B., Ph.D., Sociology & Law in Society, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, Canada

12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch (on your own)
12:00pm-1:30pm Family Court Review Editorial Board Meeting
12:30pm-1:30pm Mentorship Forum
1:45pm-3:15pm Workshops 37-48

37. An Introduction to the MMPI-2-RF (Restructured Form) for Legal and Mental Health Professionals

The MMPI-2-RF is a new, 338-item version of one of the most commonly used psychological tests in child custody evaluations. This workshop provides an overview of the rationale for revising the MMPI-2 and describes the outcome of the revision. Features of the revision of particular relevance in child custody evaluations will be highlighted. Special considerations when using revised measures in forensic evaluations will be discussed. A case example will be presented to illustrate the potential contribution of the MMPI-2-RF to child custody evaluations.

Yossef S. Ben-Porath, Ph.D., Kent State University, Kent, OH

38. Disentangling Conflict and Quality of Parenting in Predicting Children’s Outcome after Divorce

This workshop proposes that the focus on interparental conflict following divorce results in many professionals ignoring research suggesting that quality of post-divorce parenting by both the mother and non-custodial father have an equal impact on the well-being of children. Presenters will discuss the current state of knowledge concerning the impact of interparental conflict and parenting by custodial and non-custodial parents on children following divorce. Policy implications will be discussed for: standards for best practice in court based parent education programs; judicial decision making in high conflict divorces; and custody assessment.

Joan B. Kelly, Ph.D., Corte Madera, CA
Irwin Sandler, Ph.D., Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Hon. Jerilyn Borack, Sacramento, CA
Janet R. Johnston, Ph.D., San Jose State University, San Jose, CA

39. Mediation in Dependency and Neglect Cases

Use of mediation in dependency and neglect (D&N) cases is increasingly recognized as a significant process for addressing the interests of all involved, and for improving decision making in these complex cases. This interdisciplinary panel will draw from the experiences of programs nationally to discuss the benefits and successes of using mediation in D&N cases as well as the difficulties encountered in designing and implementing a program.

Hon. Thomas L. Kennedy, Colorado Springs, CO
Shirley Rhodus, M.S.W., Child Protective Services, Colorado Springs, CO
Bill Rudge, J.D., Colorado Springs, CO
Barbara Bosley, J.D., Denver Juvenile Court, Denver, CO
Lori Weiser, J.D., Denver City Attorney, Denver, CO
Bernie Mayer, Ph.D., Kingsville, ON, Canada
40. Interviewing Children Concerning Domestic Violence

High conflict divorce cases often involve allegations of domestic violence witnessed by children. Much of the literature on screening for domestic violence involves interviewing adults. Presenters in this workshop advocate a protocol that also includes use of forensic interviewing of children. This framework incorporates the use of methodologies often suggested in child sexual abuse evaluations.

John A. Zervopoulos Ph.D., J.D., ABPP, Partners, Dallas, TX

41. Less Adversarial Processes in Children’s Cases: The Next Generation

The Less Adversarial Trial operating within the Family Court of Australia responds to social science evidence about the impacts of litigation processes on families. With increasing need and demand for this service, the question arises as to how this more labor intensive process can be applied to a high volume court environment. Using trial footage and considering evidence from early evaluations, this workshop unpacks the essential features of a less adversarial court process, and explores the question: What could the next generation of less adversarial trial processes look like and how can they be employed in a high volume case environment, without compromising effectiveness? Dr. Jennifer McIntosh appears in a videotaped segment.

Hon. Diana Bryant, Chief Justice, Family Court of Australia, Melbourne, Australia
Federal Magistrate Dr. Tom Altobelli, Sydney, Australia

42. How Do You Know What You Say You Know? A Family Lawyer’s Guide to Confronting Mental Health Evidence

Mental health testimony is a significant yet controversial aspect of many high conflict cases that may include abuse or alienation allegations. A case’s outcome may hinge on how the lawyer manages this testimony. This workshop will provide participants with skills to address the key reliability question testifying experts must answer: “How do you know what you say you know?” Lawyers will learn to challenge mental health opinions with critical thinking principles and confront those opinions with a practical, four-step caselaw-based model.

John A. Zervopoulos Ph.D., J.D., ABPP, PsychologyLaw Partners, Dallas, TX

43. Buffeted in the Eye of the Storm: Helping Young Children in Families with Alienation Dynamics

Young children sometimes grow up in the maelstrom of family alienation dynamics that they may not fully understand, but which, nonetheless, influences their lives mightily. Among other things, their attachments to significant caregivers are constantly questioned and threatened, undermining their sense of basic security. This workshop will present ideas about the evaluation and treatment of such young children and their families. Presenters will review specific evaluation procedures for young children and address the different roles a therapist can play, with clinical examples.

Pamela S. Ludolph, Ph.D., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
James N. Bow, Ph.D., ABPP, Hawthorn Center, Northville, MI

44. International Parental Child Abduction

International parental child abductions have increased by 40% since 2008, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. This workshop will provide information for family law practitioners on prevention by incorporating into their parenting agreements measures to minimize the risk of abduction. The mechanics of a Hague petition and the necessary components of a trial and the enforcement procedures of a return order will be discussed.

Caroline Langley, Family Law International Center, Boulder, CO
Alice Arnold, J.D., Family Law International Center, Boulder, CO

45. Early Neutral Assessment: How to Set Up a Program

Early neutral assessment is a promising way to promote early resolution of parenting time disputes. This panel will provide an overview of the process, strategies for implementing a successful ENA program and outcomes from Colorado’s 17th Judicial District ENA Pilot. Best practices in implementation, including strategies for tailoring the program to a specific jurisdiction without compromising essential components of ENA, will be discussed. Panellists will also discuss the effectiveness of ENA as an alternative to brief focused evaluations.

Linda Weinerman, J.D., Office of the Child’s Representative, Denver, CO
Hon. F. Michael Goodbee, 17th Judicial District, Brighton, CO
Sue A. Waters, M.A., LPC, Denver, CO
Hon. Tanja Manrique, Minneapolis, MN

46. Divorce and the Refugee: Cultural, Legal and Psychological Considerations

Refugees typically arrive in the U.S. traumatized and bewildered. The necessity for rapid adjustments culturally, occupationally and linguistically places tremendous strain on families. Domestic violence, child abuse, substance abuse, anxiety and depression often result, causing rifts within families. Cultural attitudes regarding separation and divorce and potential immigration consequences in utilizing the justice system will be discussed.

James Livingston, Ph.D., Center for Survivors of Torture, San Jose, CA
Marilee Ruebsamen, Ph.D., Sutter Center for Psychiatry, Sacramento, CA
47. Meeting the Needs of High Conflict Families in Sweden

This session will present how professionals in Sweden have addressed the needs of high conflict families in divorce and recent changes that have been implemented, including the introduction of parenting coordinators and court-based collaboration. The role of the state in working with high conflict families will be discussed. Scandinavian research will be presented as well as prospects for further changes.

_Cecilia Johansson-Granberg, Boden, Sweden_

_Marianne Gabrielsson, Children of High Conflict Divorce, Stockholm, Sweden_

48. Investigation of Accusations in High Conflict Co-parenting Partnerships—The Missing Link

High conflict parents frequently make accusations against one another, ranging from failure to comply with parenting plans to child abuse, domestic violence and substance abuse. Providers are in an ideal position to document information in a format that is critical to a satisfactory resolution. When serious or repetitive accusations occur, it is imperative that the initial content and context be captured in an evidentiary manner. Simple, time-efficient, investigative techniques and contextual testing will be discussed. Their usefulness in determining risk and as a behavioral intervention will be demonstrated.

_Elizabeth Baker Gibbs, M.D., CHAOS Recovery Management, Mt. Pleasant, SC_

3:15pm-3:30pm  Break and Exhibitor Forum

3:30pm-5:00pm  Workshops 49-60

49. Using the MMPI-2-RF (Restructured Form) in Child Custody Evaluations

The MMPI-2-RF is a new, 338-item version of one of the most commonly used psychological tests in child custody evaluations. This workshop is designed for child custody evaluators familiar with the MMPI-2. The methods used to revise the test and the resulting 50 scales will be reviewed briefly, followed by an overview of the documentation available to guide MMPI-2-RF interpretation in general and in child custody evaluations in particular. Case studies will illustrate use of the MMPI-2-RF in child custody evaluations.

_Yossif S. Ben-Porath, Ph.D., Kent State University, Kent, OH_

_James R. Flens, Psy.D., ABPP, Brandon, FL_

50. Judicial Interviewing of Children in Custody and Access Cases

Social science research and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child support children's participation in family law disputes, though there is not a clear consensus on how this should be done. This workshop will present research exploring how often judges interview children; what factors they consider; what concerns they have; and whether judicial interviews are helpful. Presenters will provide recommendations for when and how judicial interviews with children should be conducted.

_Rachel Birnbaum, Ph.D., RSW, LL.M., University of Western Ontario, London, ON, Canada_

_Nicholas Bala, LL.B., LL.M., Queen's University, Kingston, ON, Canada_

_Hon. Denise McColley, Napoleon, OH_

_Hon. Grant Campbell, London, ON, Canada_

51. Keeping the Developmental Frame: Child-Centered Conjoint Therapy in High Conflict Cases

A variety of intervention models have been proposed to ameliorate the effects of alienation and parental conflict on children. Controversy abounds as to the most appropriate structure for treatment and the bases for measuring success. Lack of proper resources or poorly structured treatment may “cement” maladaptive coping skills and behaviors, reinforce a child's distortions of reality and diminish the child's ability to function emotionally in the future. This panel will present a child-centered, developmentally-focused model for structured conjoint therapy and define court-related support essential to promote positive outcomes.

_Rachel Birnbaum, Ph.D., RSW, LL.M., University of Western Ontario, London, ON, Canada_

_Nicholas Bala, LL.B., LL.M., Queen's University, Kingston, ON, Canada_

_Hon. Denise McColley, Napoleon, OH_

_Hon. Grant Campbell, London, ON, Canada_

52. Stewing in the Melting Pot: Turning Down the Heat on Diversity Dilemmas in Divorce

Issues of diversity infuse many divorcing families both obviously and subtly. Understanding diversity in the worldview and communication patterns among families of various cultures and identities can prevent avoidable misunderstandings and complications. Further, this understanding and sensitivity can ease some of the emotional and practical upheaval inherent in the divorce process among all parties involved. This workshop offers a universally applicable and practical conceptual framework for recognizing and working with challenging diversity dilemmas involved in divorcing clients and their families.

_Fernand Lubuguin, Ph.D., University of Denver, Denver, CO_

_Marian Camden, Psy.D., Centennial, CO_
53. Colorado Showcase: The Roles and Procedures Colorado Utilizes to Address Divorce

Colorado has developed third-party roles that are unique to the state, such as Child and Family Investigator (CFI) and Decision-Maker (DM), and has adopted and modified programs from other states, such as Minnesota’s Early Neutral Evaluation. This session provides an overview of the forensic roles and processes that exist in Colorado to assist separating and divorcing families.

Hon. Jill-Ellyn Straus, Brighton, CO
Shelley Bresnick, Psy.D., Golden, CO
Christine A. Coates, M.Ed., J.D., Boulder, CO
David Rolfe, J.D., President, AFCC Colorado Chapter, Parker, CO

54. Creating a Service Specific Diversion System for Divorcing and Divorced Families in South Africa

This workshop presents innovations for optimizing scarce resources in a public service dispute resolution context. Two strategies are highlighted: (1) the creation of a diversion system for divorcing and divorced families in collaboration with a community based mediation center; and (2) the use of the Family and Child Mediation model and the Duchen-Grid system as a screening tool for referring families to appropriate service delivery agencies. The workshop concludes with a summary report on the outcome of efficacy of the Family and Child Mediation Diversion Project to date.

Ronel Duchen, M.A., D.Litt et Phil, Johannesburg, South Africa
Petunia Seabi, LL.B., LL.M., Office of the Chief Family Advocate, Pretoria, South Africa

55. Idaho’s Unified Domestic Violence Court Model

This workshop will present Ada County Idaho’s unified court model, which places families with a criminal domestic violence case and a divorce, custody, or child protection case under a single judge. This practice assures accurate information for judicial decisions; compatible, consistent court orders; and improved, tailored outcomes for families. A fast-track criminal case disposition is combined with ongoing post disposition judicial reviews. This process protects victims and children while holding offenders accountable.

Hon. Carolyn Minder, Boise, ID
Hon. James S. Cawthon, Boise, ID
Sarah F. Kearney, M.S.W., Ada County Family Violence Court, Boise, ID
Renée D. Morse, B.S., Family Court Services, Boise, ID

56. From the Bench to the Table: Mediation Strategies for High Conflict Clients

High conflict clients are challenging even for those with thousands of cases in their professional history. Three experienced mediators share their insights and their journey from the bench to the mediation table. Presenters will demonstrate mediation in a fishbowl with workshop participants and provide an opportunity for facilitated discussion.

Hon. Leland Anderson (ret.), JAG, Inc., Denver, CO
Hon. William B. Bohling (ret.), Bohling-Hobbs, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT
Hon. Virginia Chavez (ret.), JAG, Inc., Denver, CO
Nan Waller Burnett, M.A., Dispute Resolution Professionals, Golden, CO

57. Family Law in the Digital Age: How to Befriend New Technologies

This presentation will examine the effects of the digital age on family law. Presenters will provide an overview of new (and often misunderstood) technologies, consider litigants’ misuse of technology and discuss how to counsel them to use it appropriately, e.g., how to use new forms of communication to problem-solve issues such as parent-child estrangement and high-conflict parental communications. Participants will also discuss potential ethical ramifications faced by professionals.

Rebecca Stahl, J.D., Arizona Court of Appeals, Phoenix, AZ
Edith Croxen, J.D., Tucson, AZ

58. Advanced Forensic Case Analysis: Protocol Driven when Allegations of Sexual or Physical Abuse Exist

Presenters will introduce a new protocol that was developed from researching both criminal and civil investigation tools related to allegations of child sexual abuse, witness to family violence and child physical abuse. The case analysis protocol integrates what we know about high quality forensic interviewing, child development, family dynamics, high conflict divorce, alienation and validity indicators in child abuse disclosures. This protocol helps a clinician analyze and understand the quality and credibility of allegations in complex custody evaluations.

Cheryl Young, M.A., LMFT, Behavioral Health and Wellness, Grand Junction, CO
Kathryn Kuehnle, Ph.D., University of South Florida, Indian Shores, FL

59. Considerations Regarding Children Visiting a Parent in Prison

As many as one in ten children have a parent who is in jail, in prison or on parole or probation. This workshop will explore issues to consider when evaluating whether a child should have regular visits with a parent in prison, as well as the dilemmas this presents to judicial officers. The literature on children visiting parents in jail and some of the state laws pertaining to parental rights of convicted felons will be reviewed.

Sara Wakefield, Ph.D., University of California, Irvine, CA
Hon. Mark Juhas, Los Angeles, CA
Ian Russ, Ph.D., Encino, CA
60. Attachment Relationships in the Courtroom
The application of attachment theory and research can mitigate the emotions and polarization for high conflict families dealing with histories of significant trauma and loss, alienating processes, relocation, and families with young children and those for whom overnights are an issue. Participants in this workshop will learn about how critical a thorough, nuanced understanding of attachment relationships are to these vulnerable families. They will also learn about testimony, critique of colleagues and consultation in this area.
S. Margaret Lee, Ph.D., Mill Valley, CA
Ginger Calloway, Ph.D., Raleigh, NC
Lorie Nachlis, J.D., Nachlis and Fink, San Francisco, CA
Robert Marvin, Ph.D., Mary D. Ainsworth Child-Parent Attachment Clinic, Charlottesville, VA

5:30pm-7:00pm AFCC Silent Auction and Reception
7:00pm-9:00pm AFCC Annual Banquet
9:30pm-12:00am AFCC Hospitality Suite

62. Training and Re-training Lawyers to Manage High Conflict Family Law Disputes as Problem Solvers
This workshop examines the lawyer as a problem solver. Presenters will explore problem-solving roles that attorneys often take on in contemporary family law practices. It will be of interest to both legal educators who want to know what attorneys in the trenches need from their legal education and to attorneys practicing in a variety of roles who want to become more effective problem solvers.
Gary Debele, J.D., M.A., Walling, Berg & Debele, Minneapolis, MN
Nancy A. Mills, J.D., Appleton, WI

S. Margaret Lee, Ph.D., Mill Valley, CA
Ginger Calloway, Ph.D., Raleigh, NC
Lorie Nachlis, J.D., Nachlis and Fink, San Francisco, CA
Robert Marvin, Ph.D., Mary D. Ainsworth Child-Parent Attachment Clinic, Charlottesville, VA

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61. Divorced Fathers and Their Daughters: Strengthening or Rebuilding Relationships
Why and how does divorce or the father's remarriage often damage, or sometimes destroy, the father–daughter relationship? Why is the father's relationship with his daughter often more easily damaged than the son's? How can practitioners help divorced fathers and young adult daughters strengthen or rebuild their damaged relationships? These questions will be addressed by presenting an overview of recent social science research and sharing practical techniques, self-assessment questionnaires and eye-opening myths lists.
Linda Nielsen, Ed.D., Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, NC

63. Getting REAL about Parental Alienation
While many doubts have been cast on parental alienation syndrome (PAS), alienation continues to receive significant attention in family courts and among allied professionals. This workshop will address key theoretical questions and provide an interactive case study. Presenters will address continuities and differences between PAS and alienation, key empirical research on alienation, and some ways that both PAS and alienation are sometimes misused in cases involving abuse. They will provide an alternative framework for considering alienation where it is a legitimate concern, while minimizing its misuse and misapplication.
Joan Meier, J.D., George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.
Julie Kunce Field, J.D., Colorado Office of Dispute Resolution, Fort Collins, CO

64. Listening to Children's Preferences in Alienation and Estrangement Cases
What is the best model for providing legal representation to a child who has been alienated by one parent against the other parent? Should child's counsel only present evidence in support of their alienated client's wishes/instructions or should other evidence be adduced that may lead to a position taken on behalf of a child that is inconsistent with that child's stated wishes? How should mental health professionals deal with wishes that are a product of influence in terms of their recommendations to a court and in terms of practical treatment options? Join this workshop to discuss these challenging questions and more.
Dan L. Goldberg, LL.B., Office of the Children's Lawyer, Thornhill, ON, Canada
Mindy Mitnick, M.Ed., Minneapolis, MN
Hon. George Czutrin, Toronto, ON, Canada
Hon. Linda Fidnick, Northampton, MA
65. Collaborative Practice in the CPS Context: Helping Prevent the Ultimate Parental Alienation—Termination of Parental Rights

Collaborative practice offers great potential as a means of resolving child protective services cases at the earliest point of intervention. This workshop proposes that the resources and guidance that collaborative professionals offer make the shared goals of preservation of the family and the safety and well-being of the children more likely to be achieved than when parents are unrepresented. The presentation will describe a pilot project developed to assist families who are interfacing with family-based safety services.

Leora Olorunnisomo, J.D., Rowlett, TX
Jessica Dixon Weaver, J.D., Southern Methodist Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX
Edward J. Keating, J.D., Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Arlington, TX

66. Alienation Interventions: Hands-on Work in the Trenches

Differentiating between mild, moderate and severe alienation and cases with mixed pathology is a challenge for the most seasoned clinician. This workshop provides an in-depth analysis of three families and three different alienation interventions including therapeutic reintegration with mild alienation, a moderate/severe case of alienation and interventions applied in a case of mixed pathology.

Jacqueline Vanbetlehem, M.A., Access Resolutions, Oakville, ON, Canada
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Joaquin Mingorance, M.Ed., Lourdes Geraldo & Associates, Hamilton, ON, Canada

67. Is Online Parent Education as Effective as In-Class Programs?

In a federally funded study, a commonly used in-class program for divorcing parents was compared to the same program in an online format. Divorcing/separating parents were randomly assigned by a court to participate in one or the other approaches. Results indicate that both formats were equally effective, while the online program was preferred by both English and Spanish speaking parents. Comparisons of features of the current online programs from a University of Illinois study will be made. Use of this skills-focused online program for high conflict parents who have completed an in-class program will be discussed.

Donald Gordon, Ph.D., Children in the Middle, Ashland, OR
Karen Blasure, Ph.D., Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
Laura Backen Jones, Ph.D., Oregon Research Institute, Eugene, OR

68. Narratives on Divorce and Interparental Conflict: Study Findings and Ethical Considerations for Research

This workshop reviews a recent qualitative study exploring families who experience divorce and high conflict and ethical considerations for conducting this type of research. The research employed narrative interviews with members of three families to explore meaning structures. Results showed how parents and children thought, felt and created meaning; how family members responded to conflict and behaviors associated with parental alienation; and how they viewed family relationships. Ethical considerations for research design and options to address these issues will be presented. Attendees will learn clinical and research implications based on the findings.

Jennifer Moné, Ph.D., Denver, CO

69. Forensic Issues in Parent-Child Observations: What Does Infant Mental Health Have to Do With It?

Few child custody evaluators have expertise in evaluating parent-child relationships and few infant mental health professionals who are equipped with this knowledge understand how to train child custody evaluators to complete evaluations that meet rigorous forensic guidelines. This session will discuss how merging these two bodies of knowledge can help custody evaluators sort out the forensic issues related to parent-child observations including validity, reliability and a lack of research within child custody samples.

Jennifer B. Rhodes, Psy.D., Institute on Violence, Abuse & Trauma, San Diego, CA

70. Child Protection Mediation: Strategies for Attorneys and Mediators

Child Protection Mediation (CPM) has seen limited use in the U.S. despite the success of several programs. Recent developments relating to Federal Children and Family Service Reviews and the passage of the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 have renewed interest in CPM. This workshop will provide attorneys and mediators with tools they need to be successful in this growing field. After presenting an overview of CPM, the presenters will highlight challenges faced by attorneys and mediators in CPM and provide information valuable to their practice.

Susan Storcel, J.D., Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL
Elizabeth Dunn, J.D., Resolution Strategies, San Francisco, CA
71. Detaching from High Conflict Divorce: Adult Attachment, Emotional Coping and Co-parenting

High conflict divorces represent a growing area of concern. This workshop integrates new research with a dynamic attachment-based framework for understanding high conflict. Emotions and emotional coping/protection processes are examined to interpret how adaptive patterns in marriage can become maladaptive in the post-divorce context. Assessment and treatment options relevant to mental health professionals and court workers are reviewed and practical strategies are offered to reduce conflict and enhance cooperation in co-parenting relationships.

Michael Saini, Ph.D., University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada
Alan McLuckie, Ph.D., Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, Canada

72. System Transformation to Improve Court Access and Outcomes for Children

This workshop is for those motivated to collaborate, improve access to the court and effectively engage families. Based on the experiences and transformation of a large urban jurisdiction, the presenter will offer a roadmap for court and child welfare stakeholders to chart the course for system change. Participants will learn how to effectively convene systems participants; develop and implement a cross-systems action plan; identify innovative ways to involve families, including family group decision making and family finding; identify funding streams; and produce tangible, measurable results to improve outcomes for children.

Cynthia Stoltz, J.D., Allegheny County Children’s Court, Pittsburgh, PA

73. Reunification Therapy when a Child Rejects a Parent: Perspectives and Practice

This workshop will acquaint participants with clinical issues involved in conducting reunification therapy with a child who is rejecting a parent. A review of the merits and shortcomings of conceptualizations of parental alienation syndrome and past treatment recommendations will be offered, with an emphasis on current, empirically-based perspectives regarding the complex factors that often are at play in these cases. Specific suggestions will be provided for conducting effective assessments and treatment, with specific recommendations on the roles and responsibilities that the court, the therapist(s), and each family member should play in creating successful outcomes.

Kathleen McNamara, Ph.D., Fort Collins, CO
Mark Schultheiss, M.S., J.D., Front Range Psychotherapy Associates, Loveland, CO
Claire McNamara, B.A., King County CASA program, Seattle, WA
Roxanne Rasst, B.A., Graduate Student, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

74. Calm in the Face of the Storm: Spiritual Intelligence and Daily Practice for the Peacemaker

The work of a peacemaker is demanding emotionally and intellectually; yet, many enter the process every day without a ritual to prepare for the difficult work. This presentation will give a user-friendly guide to inner peace specifically designed for ADR practitioners. The work calls upon the conflict resolution professional to be introspective and to create a daily ritual to prepare for and withstand the difficult work of conflict resolution. Working with high conflict families is particularly challenging for the practitioner; following a daily practice not only brings inner peace but builds community one family at a time.

Michael John Alo, J.D., President, Association for Conflict Resolution, Fairmont, WV
Nan Waller Burnett, M.A., Dispute Resolution Professionals, Golden, CO

75. Innovative Strategies for Rural Family Courts

Missouri’s 25th Circuit and Ontario’s Renfrew County are rural areas with diverse populations that have implemented innovative ADR processes. Renfrew County’s “Interest Based Conferencing” is a hybrid model encompassing mediation and family group conferencing, which is being evaluated for child well being. Missouri’s 25th has adapted multiple services including Connecticut’s Special Masters Program, Florida’s Assisted Custody Transition Program, Washington, DC’s Transitioning Youth Initiative, and M.A.R.C.H. Mediation, Parenting Coordination and the Transportation Assistance Grant Program. This workshop will examine these rural programs.

Robert Hellrung, J.D., M.A., M.A.R.C.H. Mediation, Bourbon, MO
Hon. Ralph Haslag, Administrative Judge, Rolla, MO
Lynn Lavery, M.S.W., Family and Children’s Services of Renfrew County, Pembroke, ON, Canada

76. Family Disruption in the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights

This workshop will analyze the principles drawn out by the case law of the European Court of Human Rights in regard to family disruption matters, such as custody and access, children taken into public care and the right to respect the family life of prisoners and immigrants. The Strasbourg Court often stresses that the mutual enjoyment by parents and children of each other’s company constitutes a fundamental element of family life and is one of the objectives pursued by Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights. This workshop will critically analyze on what grounds, according to this court, member states may legitimately interfere with such enjoyment.

Susana Almeida, School of Technology and Management of the Polytechnic Institute of Leiria, Leiria, Portugal
Ana Rita Gil, School of Law of the University Nova of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal
77. When a Spouse Comes Out as LGBT

Up to two million lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender persons have married someone of the opposite sex in the U.S., most with children. Eventually many come out, devastating their spouses and confusing their children, often resulting in divorce. The unique challenges facing the straight spouses are little understood by outsiders, so they cope alone. This workshop will present research and experience-based information about their post-disclosure crisis and their children’s concerns that can assist attorneys, custody evaluators, mediators, psychotherapists, and parenting educators in helping post-disclosure couples address their children’s best interests.

Amity Buxton, Ph.D., Straight Spouse Network, Oakland, CA

78. Domestic Violence Bench Book for Judges

This workshop examines Canada’s National Judicial Institute’s electronic bench book (EBB) for judges on domestic violence and family law. Presenters will demonstrate live, via web connection to the judicial library, how central features of the EBB can be used to solve complex problems in family law cases. The presenters will demonstrate use of the EBB in response to a set of facts. The facts will require: assessment of type of violence, consideration of parenting patterns in a DV context, interpretation of evidence of child behavior, interpretation of a targeted parent’s misuse of alcohol or drugs, assessment of child risk, and consideration of an alienation claim in a DV context.

Linda C. Neilson, LL.B., Ph.D., University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, Canada
Hon. John McGarry, London, ON, Canada

79. Scaling the Rugged Piques and Valleys
Dividing Forming Families

This session will explore the unfamiliar terrain of the “forming family.” The Texas Office of the Attorney General went off-road to create services for low-income parents living apart. The OAG custom-designed projects through its access and visitation programs, forming families and youth programs, non-custodial parent programs, and various demonstration projects to smooth the rocky road facing these low-income parents.

Anita Stuckey, Texas Office of the Attorney General, Sunset Valley, TX
Jessica Pearson, Ph.D., Center for Policy Research, Denver, CO

80. International Child Abduction Mediation

This workshop will explore, explain and demystify the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. It will provide familiarity with the Hague Convention and its terms, information on when and how mediation may be useful in parental abduction situations and the impact of parental abductions on the children and custodial parent.

Mary Damianakis, M.P.A., M.S.W., Baie D’Urfe, QC, Canada
Kitty Duell, M.A.S., The Hague, Netherlands

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In early June, temperatures in Denver range from high 70s to low 80s in the afternoon to 50s in the evening (30/14 C). Meeting rooms can be cool, so bring a light jacket or sweater.

Room Sharing
If you are in search of a roommate, check the box on the registration form or email afcc@afccnet.org. Your name will be placed on a list that will be provided to others who request roommate information. Please be certain to note your gender. Roommates are responsible for contacting one another and making hotel reservations.
## Registration Form

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Please register by April 23, 2010 to ensure that your name appears on the list of conference attendees. Register online at www.afccnet.org

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

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

**Badge Information:** First name or Nickname (as you would like it to appear on your name badge) ________________________________________________________________________________________________

**Title/Profession** ___________________________ **Organization** ___________________________

**Street Address** _______________________________________________________________________________________________________

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**Phone** ___________________________ **Fax** ___________________________ **Email** ________________________________________

**Name of Spouse/Guest** ________________________________________________________________________________________________

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### 2. Registration Rates

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### 3. Institute Selections — Wednesday, June 2, 2010

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

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<td>3. Hot Minds or Hot Heads? How the Brain Reacts to Conflict and How to Use Strategic, Skill-based Tools to Help Mediation Clients</td>
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### 4. Conference Workshop Selections

Seating is not guaranteed and will be first-come first-served. Your selections will ensure that sessions with more attendees will be scheduled in larger meeting rooms.

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### 5. Method of Payment

Registrations must be paid in full prior to attendance.

- Payment of $_______ is enclosed (U.S. currency only please)
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- **Card Holder’s Signature** ___________________________
- **Purchase Order #** ___________________________

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