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**AFCC REGIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE**

**Working with High Conflict and  
Violent Families:  
A Race with No Winners**



***Indianapolis,  
Indiana***

Hyatt Regency Indianapolis  
October 27–29, 2011  
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# Regional Training Conference

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### **Expanded Training Format – 3-hour workshops!**

Integrating Research into Practice for  
Violent and High Conflict Families

Ethical Challenges for 21st Century Family Lawyers

Assessing Risk of Violence on Family Law Professionals

Avoiding Iatrogenic Impact in Family Law Cases

Domestic Abuse, Co-Parenting and Parenting Time

So You Want to be a Parenting Coordinator?

Understanding Personality Type Dynamics in the Mediation Process

*“So much to choose from and so many perspectives, both practical and research oriented. I was quite awed by what a special group AFCC is—not only for its dedicated mission to help children and families, but the great respect and affection so many of the members share with each other. I feel like I have found my professional home.”*

— Denise L. Whitehead, JD, PhD Candidate, Kitchener, ON, Canada

Up to 19 hours of continuing education for psychologists, mental health professionals,  
lawyers, judges, mediators and others (details on page 8).

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### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2011

6:00pm-8:00pm Conference Registration

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2011

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

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# Pre-Conference Institutes

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2011

9:00am-4:30pm

## 1. Family Restructuring Therapy: Working with High Conflict Parents and Angry Children

Family Restructuring Therapy is an active, directive, future-oriented and action-focused process to modify maladaptive interactions with families in conflict. It is highly effective in teaching parents to co-parent, reuniting parents with “alienated” children and developing concrete, practical parenting plans. The therapist must be able to engage and lead the family while being firmly in control of the emotionally driven and conflicted family system. The therapist must also prevent escalation of the conflict and shift the focus from the entrenched positions to the underlying needs of each member of the family and be able to prescribe and teach functional skills, behaviors and relationship transactions to meet individual needs within the framework of the restructured family system. In the case of working with parent-child combinations, it is necessary for the therapist to protect the child, validate their initial views, while moving them forward to accept appropriate parental authority once changes are made in the parent-child relationship. This session will examine the variety of individual and team therapeutic interventions that can be used between parents, between a parent and an “alienated” child or with entire family systems.

*Stephen P. Carter, PhD, Edmonton, AB, Canada*

*Bonnie F. Haave, PhD, Edmonton, AB, Canada*

*James P. Bateman, MA, Edmonton, AB, Canada*

## 2. Advanced Use of the MMPI-2-RF in Child Custody Evaluations

This advanced institute is intended for child custody evaluators familiar with the MMPI-2-RF. The institute will begin with a review of data available to guide use of the MMPI-2-RF in child custody evaluations. Next, a discussion of potential challenges to use of the test in forensic evaluations will include an analysis of the admissibility of MMPI-2-RF-based testimony under the Daubert and Frye standards. The final portion of this institute will present a series of case studies illustrating how MMPI-2-RF data can be integrated with other sources of information in the conduct of child custody evaluations.

*Yosief S. Ben-Porath, PhD, Kent State University, Kent, OH*

*James R. Flens, PsyD, ABPP, Brandon, FL*

## 3. Advanced Parenting Coordination: Strategic Interventions, Structures and Skills

Even experienced parenting coordinators need additional ideas and strategies to use with their most difficult clients. This advanced institute will focus on strategic interventions and structures in parenting coordination, the management of the three stages of the PC process, and the legal, ethical and empirical checks and balances needed in PC work. Using an interactive format, the presenters will expand participants’ understanding of creative and effective approaches to cases and offer approaches to crisis management that always seem to be needed by the most challenging cases.

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

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

## 4. Judicial Officers Institute— Interparental Conflict and Domestic Violence: Structuring Parenting Arrangements that Account for the Implications of Abuse

Research has documented that interparental conflict and violence have multiple negative effects on many aspects of parenting and family functioning and on children’s psychological functioning and dysregulation. It is also associated with multiple adjustment problems in children, including internalizing and externalizing problems, PTSD, sleep problems, and school adjustment problems and performance. Presenters in this institute will tie the latest research on the impact of interparental conflict and domestic violence on children to the practical task of structuring parenting arrangements that account for the implications of abuse. As a result of this institute, participants will be better able to structure and evaluate parenting arrangements that account for the unique nature of the violence and conflict in the family and link the abuse to the parenting capacities of the parties.

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

*Hon. Denise McColley, Henry County Family Court, Napoleon, OH*

*E. Mark Cummings, PhD, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN*

*Pamela A. Hayman-Weaner, JD, Defiance, OH*

*Gabrielle Davis, JD, Battered Women’s Justice Project, Minneapolis, MN*

## 5. Ethical Challenges for Family Lawyers in the 21st Century

The practice of family law has always been a minefield of ethical dilemmas, but today’s family lawyer faces a growing and even more complex set of challenges. New technology, social media, emerging professional roles and social changes have created a new set of issues that create potential obstacles and dilemmas. This institute will explore how emerging trends such as social media and child custody evaluation consultants have created new ethical dilemmas for family law attorneys. The tension between a child’s best interests and zealous advocacy, and the ethical questions that arise from that tension, will also be examined.

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

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

*Hon. Emile R. Kruzick, Brampton, ON, Canada*

*Robert A. Simon, PhD, Del Mar, CA*

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Welcome: *Linda B. Fieldstone, MEd, AFCC President, Miami, FL*

*Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard, Indiana Supreme Court*

### Integrating Research into Practice for Violent and High Conflict Families

Working with high conflict and violent families can create seemingly insurmountable challenges for professionals, requiring excellent practice skills and an understanding of relevant research. But how do practitioners integrate the research into practice? Presenters in this session will highlight key findings from current social science research on high conflict and violent families and explore how these findings can be used in the day-to-day practice of mediators, legal professionals, custody evaluators, parenting coordinators, and in judicial decision making. The presenters, a researcher and a lawyer/mediator who have collaborated to integrate research into practice in one community, will provide specific examples of ways in which research can be used to improve the quality of practice.

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

*Amy G. Applegate, JD, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN*

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

### 1. Assessing Risk of Violence on Family Law Professionals: Knowing When We Need to be Afraid

Professionals involved in family law matters are increasingly being assaulted, threatened, stalked and even harmed by angry litigants. This workshop will explore the risk for family law professionals and how to reasonably evaluate that risk. Characteristics of litigants who present risk, and the characteristics of cases that place family law professionals at increased risk will be explored. This session is designed for judges, lawyers, evaluators, mediators and anyone who works in the family law arena.

*Robert A. Simon, PhD, Del Mar, CA*

*Leslie M. Drozd, PhD, Newport Beach, CA*

### 2. Accounting for Domestic Violence from the Custody Evaluation to the Courtroom

Judges and custody evaluators require a clear understanding of the context of domestic violence in order to ask the right questions, analyze the data obtained from parents and collateral sources and make responsible decisions and recommendations. This presentation will provide a framework for obtaining relevant information about who has perpetrated domestic abuse; the extent, duration and impact of that abuse and the effects on parenting. Presenters will also focus on how to incorporate that information into access recommendations, judicial decisions, referrals for services and safety planning for parents and children.

*Mindy F. Mitnick, EdM, MA, Edina, MN*

*Nancy Ver Steegh, JD, MSW, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN*

*Hon. Dale R. Koch, Portland, OR*

## Call for Proposals

### AFCC 49th Annual Conference

#### Attachment, Brain Science, Children of Divorce: The ABCD's of Child Development for Family Law

Hyatt Regency Chicago  
June 6-9, 2012

Deadline to submit a proposal:  
October 5, 2011

Submission guidelines and online form  
available at [www.afccnet.org](http://www.afccnet.org)



**3. Parenting Coordination: AFCC and APA Guidelines**

This workshop will examine the new Parenting Coordination Guidelines promulgated by the American Psychological Association and compare them with the AFCC Guidelines for Parenting Coordination. The presenters will highlight contrasts in the two sets of guidelines, some of which are based on recent changes in the role, research and state statutes related to parenting coordination, and other differences stemming from the multidisciplinary focus of the AFCC Guidelines. Practice implications for both sets of guidelines will be discussed, highlighting potential challenges inherent in reconciling the two sets, and research opportunities that result.

*Helen T. Brantley, PhD, Chapel Hill, NC*

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

*Arnold L. Stolberg, PhD, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA*

*Christopher J. Barrows, JD, Indianapolis, IN*

**4. "Why Is This Person Such An Insensitive Jerk?" Understanding Personality Type Dynamics in the Mediation Process**

Presenters in this workshop will explore the impact of personality type on the mediation process. Participants will be given an informal version of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator to gain further understanding of personality preferences and will discuss the ways in which personality type is linked to conflict dynamics, heuristic use, decision-making, emotional intelligence and mediation style. Research on personality type and argumentativeness will also be examined and specific conflict resolution skills based on personality type will be shared.

*Dawn E. Kuhlman, MA, Liberty, MO*

*Rachael F. Kennedy, JD, Columbia, MO*

**5. The Benefits of a Supervised Visitation/Safe Exchange Center while Working with High Conflict and Violent Families**

This workshop will explore the role of a safe exchange center when dealing with high conflict and violent families, and how safety measures can be implemented while maintaining a "living room" type environment so families feel comfortable to interact. Presenters will also examine how courts can determine appropriate referrals to safe exchange centers; the importance of visitation center staff being educated and trained on the dynamics of family violence; the growing need for more visitation centers nationally; and the grant availability and process for a visitation center.

*Lee David, Executive Director, Community Anti-Violence Alliance, Angola, IN*

*Joseph J. Nullet, Executive Director, Supervised Visitation Network, Jacksonville, FL*

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

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

**6. Doing No Harm: Avoiding Iatrogenic Impact in Family Law Cases**

Family law professionals understand that health care providers are duty-bound in their treatment of patients to maximize the likelihood of good patient outcomes and minimize unintended harm, sometimes referred to as iatrogenic, or physician-caused, harm. But in the often adversarial business of family law litigation, professionals can lose sight of the essential goals of reducing conflict, building cooperation, and protecting the children and healthy relationships in families. Professional conduct may even contribute to adverse outcomes for families. Therefore, the best assistance to families in the divorce transition often starts with progressive judges' commitment not to allow legal processes that work against the very interests the law is supposed to promote—the best interests of children. This interactive workshop, led by an interdisciplinary faculty, explores some of the iatrogenic effects of the adversarial legal system and judicial strategies to prevent such harm.

*Matthew J. Sullivan, PhD, Palo Alto, CA*

*Hon. Michael P. Scopelitis, South Bend, IN*

*Charles A. Asher, JD, Up to Parents, Indianapolis, IN*

**7. Domestic Abuse, Co-Parenting and Parenting Time**

The rubric of utilizing multiple hypotheses is essential to ensure appropriate interventions, services and parenting plans while addressing any shifts in parent-child estrangement vs. alienation. This workshop will help participants grapple with the complex and sometimes changing dynamics of families in conflict, particularly where domestic abuse is alleged or identified. Various typologies of abusers, victims, and relationships will be examined. Presenters will explore how to conduct initial assessments while elucidating the importance of ongoing assessment and monitoring of any progress.

*Amy Van Gunst, MA, Fountain Hill Center, Grand Rapids, MI*

*Randy Flood, MA, Men's Resource Center at Fountain Hill, Grand Rapids, MI*

**Save the Dates!**

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**AFCC 10th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations**

November 1-3, 2012

Arizona Grand Resort

Phoenix, Arizona

**8. Child-Informed Mediation with High Conflict Families: Research and Practice on Including the Child's Voice in Mediation**

Child-informed mediation is a recent innovation in which the child's voice is introduced into the mediation process through a separate interview by a child specialist. This workshop will provide an introduction to child-informed mediation practice and highlight findings from research conducted at Indiana University-Bloomington. Presenters will describe the child-informed mediation process, and discuss how it can help high conflict families reduce conflict and other behaviors that threaten children's physical safety and emotional development. Presenters will share the preliminary results of the research study and the one year follow-up that has begun, comparing rates of agreement, parent satisfaction and what parents report learning in child-informed mediation.

*Amy G. Applegate, JD, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN*  
*Robin H. Ballard, BA, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN*

**9. Development of Indiana's Proposed Parenting Coordination Rules and Model Order**

This workshop will examine proposed Indiana Parenting Coordination Rules. The drafting committee conducted an extensive survey of parenting coordination rules, statutes and recommendations, including the AFCC Guidelines for Parenting Coordination. Indiana's proposal borrows heavily from the AFCC Guidelines. This workshop will feature Indiana judicial officers discussing the need for parenting coordination and will present the specifics of Indiana's proposed rules as compared with the AFCC Guidelines and the rules of other jurisdictions.

*Magistrate Craig J. Bobay, Fort Wayne, IN*  
*Hon. William C. Fee, Angola, IN*  
*Magistrate Nanette K. Raduenz, Gary, IN*

**10. The Julian Center: A Multidisciplinary-Multiservice Partnering Approach to Domestic Violence Programming**

The Julian Center is a nationally-recognized model multiservice agency that serves the needs of women and children in Central Indiana who have been victims of domestic violence. In this workshop, representatives from the prosecutor's office and the legal aid, housing and counseling departments will share information about services provided, with a particular focus on managing the complex needs of victims and children when facing challenges of child custody and parenting time.

*Betsy Whaley, MDiv, Director of Housing and Outreach, Julian Center, Indianapolis, IN*  
*Benetta Johnson, PhD, Staff Psychologist, Julian Center, Indianapolis, IN*  
*Linda Major, JD, Executive Director of DV Affairs, Marion County Prosecutor's Office, Indianapolis, IN*  
*Shariq Siddiqui, JD, Co-Director Legal Services, Julian Center, Indianapolis, IN*

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

5:00pm-6:00pm How to Start an AFCC Chapter

If you are interested in finding out more about the process for beginning a state or provincial chapter of AFCC, come for information, support and inspiration!

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**11. Integrated Approach to the Assessment of Intimate Partner Violence in Child Custody Evaluation**

When addressing issues of intimate partner violence, custody evaluators must determine the credibility of allegations, describe the IPV subtype, communicate to the court about violence risk/safety due to past IPV and translate the assessment data into specific recommendations about the relevance to future parenting, co-parenting and child outcomes. This workshop is designed to help evaluators, judges, advocates, therapists and lawyers understand the integrated conceptual framework and forensic evaluation model on IPV and child custody. This is a scientifically-grounded model that is also a practical guide for evaluators and the court. A revised IPV typology and assessment protocol will be presented.

*Leslie M. Drozd, PhD, Newport Beach, CA*  
*William G. Austin, PhD, Evergreen, CO*  
*James R. Flens, PsyD, ABPP, Brandon, FL*

**12. Advanced Ethical Considerations for Custody Work: The Do's and Don'ts**

Mental health professionals who perform child custody work are faced with challenging parents and families and many possible ethical dilemmas. This workshop will highlight potential ethical conflicts and risks and provide concrete ways of acting in a way that is consistent with responsibilities as ethical practitioners. Cases will be reviewed, as will the Guidelines and Model Standards published by APA and AFCC.

*Eric J. Bernstein, PsyD, Pittsburgh, PA*  
*Arnold T. Shienwold, PhD, Harrisburg, PA*

**13. Assessing the Risk for Violence in Youth**

This workshop will equip evaluators and parenting coordinators with an understanding of relevant child and adolescent developmental factors that contribute to violence in youth, disorders that incline youth toward violence, risk and risk mitigating factors of violence, and principles for conducting youth violence risk assessments. Special attention will be given to the threat assessment model that can help lead to best interest recommendations and intervention planning. Special topics include physical assault, sexual aggression, bullying, property destruction, gender differences, and family characteristics of violent youth.

*Landon Poppleton, PhD, Vancouver, WA*

*Steve Tutty, PhD, Poulsbo, WA*

**14. So You Want to be a Parenting Coordinator?  
The Nuts and Bolts of Starting Your Practice**

This workshop will focus on setting up a parenting coordination practice from the very beginning steps. It will provide information on forms to use, malpractice protection, recordkeeping systems, and the appropriate contacts with each party, the court and attorneys. Presenters will discuss information on how to obtain clients; how to handle difficulties with clients; effective strategies for working with the attorneys; how to understand the court orders; and the role of the parenting coordinator within those orders.

*Randall Krupsaw, PhD, Indianapolis, IN*

*Jonni Gonso, PhD, Indianapolis, IN*

*Robin Niehaus, JD, Indianapolis, IN*

*Bart Ferraro, PhD, Meridian Psychological Associates,  
Indianapolis, IN*

**15. Integrating Domestic Violence Interventions  
with Parenting Coordination to Protect  
Children in High Conflict Families**

Though parenting coordination is designed to implement and monitor parenting plans for high conflict families, domestic violence in the parenting dynamic necessitates deeper professional intervention and refined conflict management skills. This workshop is designed to train parenting coordinators in domestic violence interventions appropriate for individual and couple work, to facilitate necessary parenting communication in a safe manner that will allow for successful parallel parenting and the promotion of a healthy relationship between each parent and their children.

*Ann M. Ordway, JD, EdS, Little Voices, Inc.,  
Mountain Lakes, NJ*

*Anthony Tasso, PhD, ABPP, Fairleigh Dickinson University,  
Madison, NJ*

**12:00pm-1:30pm Luncheon**

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**16. Integrating Research into Policy,  
Programming and Decision-Making for  
High Conflict and Violent Families**

This panel of social scientists and judges will help judges understand current social science research and how research can be used to answer questions in court. Relevant research findings (e.g., mediation and custody in conflictual and violent families) will be presented. The panel will discuss pros and cons of integrating social science research into the court and will consider examples of how research can be conducted in the court, helping judges create a viable plan for using research.

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

*Hon. William C. Fee, Steuben County Superior Court,  
Angola, IN*

*Hon. Robyn Moberly, Marion County Superior Court,  
Indianapolis, IN*

*Brian D'Onofrio, PhD, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN*

*David J. Remondini, Chief Deputy Executive Director, Supreme  
Court, Indianapolis, IN*

**17. From Limited Focus to Comprehensive Child  
Custody Evaluations: A Provider's Guide**

This workshop will offer a conceptual and pragmatic understanding of the fundamental components and techniques used in limited focus and comprehensive child custody evaluations. Designed for mental health professionals with an interest in expanding services in this arena, this workshop will establish foundational principles and practices as well as highlight issues raised in cases involving domestic violence, abuse allegations, alienation and relocation.

*Janine Miller, PsyD, Meridian Psychological Associates,  
Indianapolis, IN*

*Mac Greene, PhD, Meridian Psychological Associates,  
Indianapolis, IN*

**18. Domestic Violence: It's Not Just  
Adults Anymore**

Domestic violence is commonly considered an adult issue. In Franklin County, Ohio, incidents of juveniles being charged with domestic violence highlighted the opportunity for intervention in the form of mediation services for the family. This workshop will examine youth domestic violence contrasted with adult perpetrated domestic violence and the need for an alternative to adjudication. The substantive issues covered in juvenile domestic violence mediation and programmatic challenges of the program will be shared. Statistics and recurring themes will be explored.

*Christy Cumberlander Walker, MSA, Coordinator, Access and  
Juvenile DV Programs, Columbus, OH*

*Marya C. Kolman, JD, Director, Mediation Services, Franklin  
County, Ohio Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court,  
Columbus, OH*



**19. Where Are the Children? Crafting Custody Evaluations That Focus on Children**

Child custody evaluations are used by the court to obtain detailed information regarding separating and divorcing families to help make decisions about the children. The children, rather than the parents' history and functioning, should be the focus of each custody evaluation. This workshop will teach how to compile the information gathered in a manner that keeps the focus on the children, with an understanding of the impact of the deterioration of the parental relationship on the children pre-separation, as well as the impact of the post-separation parental behaviors, and each child's temperament and adjustment. It will explore how to make custodial recommendations to meet the children's needs.

*Amy A. Velasquez, PsyD, Merced, CA*

**20. The Best of All Worlds—Interdisciplinary Collaboration for Parenting Coordination**

This workshop draws on interdisciplinary efforts to work with high conflict families in the court system. Minnesota professionals and organizations, including the Minnesota Chapter of AFCC and its members, share how they developed and improved parenting coordination (PC) practice. Topics include fostering collaboration across disciplines; addressing systemic challenges; development of the "perfect PC stipulation and order;" key elements of a PC stipulation and order; mentoring PCs; development of local PC training; and recognizing and responding to ethical dilemmas.

*Aimee Gourlay, JD, Director, Mediation Center, Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, MN*

*Karen Irvin, PhD, St. Paul, MN*

*Andrea Niemi, JD, Minneapolis, MN*

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**Airline Travel**

The Indianapolis International Airport (IND) is located approximately 15 minutes from downtown. Major airlines include Air Canada, AirTran, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, United and U.S. Airways. Airport information can be found at www.indianapolisairport.com.

**Ground Transportation**

The airport's Ground Transportation Center (GTC) is located on Level 1 of the Parking Garage. The GTC is a one-stop shop for rental cars, taxi service, commercial bus and public transportation. Taxi service is available at the curb on the lower level of the terminal just outside Baggage Claim. There is a \$15 minimum charge for all fares from the airport, regardless of distance, and the approximate fare is \$30 to the downtown area; consult your driver for rates. Carey Indiana provides shared-ride transportation for \$16.95 per person each way. You may call (317) 241-7100 to make a reservation or go to the Carey Indiana counter at the GTC, outside of Baggage Claim Area 2, across from Avis Rental Cars, from 8:00am until 12:00 midnight.

**Rental Car Information**

Rental car counters for Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar Car Rental, Enterprise, Hertz, National and Thrifty Car Rental are located in the Ground Transportation Center (GTC) on Level 1 of the Parking Garage. Enterprise is offering conference attendees a special 20% discount off their already low daily rates by booking your rental car through the link on the conferences page of the AFCC website.

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Valet parking at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis is \$28 per day. Self-parking overnight is \$20 with no in/out privileges.

**Climate**

Indianapolis has four distinct seasons and fall weather can be unpredictable. Temperatures range from an average low of 43°F to an average high of 65°F in October. Be sure to take a light jacket or sweater for indoors, as meeting rooms and restaurants may be slightly cool.

## Of Special Note

### Continuing Education Credits

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

**Psychologists:** AFCC is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. AFCC maintains responsibility for the program and its content. The program offers up to 19 continuing education credit hours for psychologists.

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

**Mental Health Professionals:** Continuing education approval from the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) will be submitted; however, individuals will need to verify approval with their credentialing or licensing boards. An application will be submitted to the State of Ohio's Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board requesting program approval for continuing professional education (CPE).

**Indiana LSW/LCSW, LMHC and LMFT Professionals:** The Indiana Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board will count continuing education credits received from this program toward renewal requirements since AFCC is an APA-approved continuing education sponsor.

**Lawyers:** An application for accreditation of CLE activity will be submitted to the Indiana Commission for Continuing Legal Education. Upon approval, Uniform Certificates of Attendance will be provided for out-of-state attorneys. The MCLE Board of the Supreme Court of Illinois recognizes Indiana as having comparable MCLE requirements and individuals may apply online to claim CLE credit. An application for accreditation of CLE activity will also be submitted to the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on CLE.

### Audio Recordings:

Conference sessions and pre-conference institutes will be recorded and audio CDs and MP3 downloads of the sessions will be available at the conference; they may also be ordered online at [www.dcporder.com/afcc](http://www.dcporder.com/afcc) after the conference concludes. No personal audio-recording of sessions is permitted.

### Conference Scholarships

Thanks to the outstanding support of AFCC members who contributed to the AFCC Scholarship Fund, a limited number of scholarships will be awarded for the Regional Training Conference. Scholarships include registration fees for the conference, one full-day pre-conference institute, Saturday's luncheon and a certificate of attendance. Recipients are responsible for funding their own travel, lodging, additional meals and related expenses. The scholarship application is available on the AFCC website at [www.afccnet.org](http://www.afccnet.org). The application deadline is September 6, 2011.

### Hospitality Suite

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

### Taste of Indianapolis

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

### Special Needs

If you have special meal requests or other special needs, please note this on the registration form. The Hyatt Regency Indianapolis has accommodations for the physically challenged; please notify them of your needs when making your reservations.

### Room Sharing

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

## Registration Information

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

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

**Conference Registration:** Includes all conference sessions and materials, refreshment breaks, reception, luncheon and Hospitality Suite.

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

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

**Full-time Student Registration:** Includes admission to conference plenary and workshop sessions only and electronic conference proceedings. Meal functions are not included; however, luncheon tickets may be purchased at the conference. Registration must include proof of full-time student status. The full-time student non-member rate includes one year of AFCC student membership with benefits in an electronic format only. *Separate registration is required for Pre-conference Institutes.*

**Certificate of Attendance:** AFCC will provide a certificate of total hours attended at the conference opening session, workshops and institutes for a minimal processing fee of \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. To sign up, simply check Certificate of Attendance on the conference registration form.

# Registration Form

## AFCC Regional Training Conference • October 27-29, 2011 Hyatt Regency Indianapolis • Indianapolis, Indiana

Register online at [www.afccnet.org](http://www.afccnet.org)

Please register by September 30, 2011 to ensure that your name appears on the list of conference attendees in the conference materials.

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

First Name (Dr./Mr./Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Information: First name or Nickname (As you would like it to appear on your name badge) \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Profession \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first AFCC Conference?  Yes  No I would like to be listed for a roommate:  Male  Female  Smoking  Non-smoking

Do you have any special needs?  Meals  Access  Other Please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate amount(s) below, indicate choices, and total at the bottom	Paid by Sept. 30	Paid after Sept. 30
<b>New Member Special</b> ( <i>First-time members only</i> )		
Join AFCC for one year and register at the AFCC member rates below!	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140
<b>Pre-conference Institutes</b> ( <i>separate registration required</i> )		
Pre-conference Institute, AFCC Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$135	<input type="checkbox"/> \$155
Pre-conference Institute, Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165	<input type="checkbox"/> \$185
<b>Conference Registration Rates</b>		
Conference, AFCC Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$280	<input type="checkbox"/> \$310
Conference, Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$340	<input type="checkbox"/> \$370
Conference Presenter	<input type="checkbox"/> \$190	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200
Full-time Student, AFCC Member <i>(ID required. No meals included)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150
Full-time Student, Non-Member <i>(ID required. No meals included)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175
Certificate of Attendance, AFCC Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
Certificate of Attendance, Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____

**Pre-Conference Institute Selections** (*separate registration required*)  
Thursday, October 27, 2011, 9:00am-4:30pm

If you have registered for a Pre-conference Institute, please check only one of the following:

1. Family Restructuring Therapy

2. Advanced Use of the MMPI-2-RF in Child Custody Evaluations

3. Advanced Parenting Coordination: Strategic Interventions, Structures and Skills

4. Judicial Officers Institute—Interparental Conflict and Domestic Violence

5. Ethical Challenges for Family Lawyers in the 21st Century

**Conference Workshop Selections**  
(Please write in one workshop number per time slot)

Friday, October 28 9:30am-12:30pm Workshop 1-5 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, October 28 2:00pm-5:00pm Workshop 6-10 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, October 29 9:00am-12:00pm Workshop 11-15 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, October 29 1:45pm-4:45pm Workshop 16-20 \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment**  
*Registrations must be paid in full prior to attendance.*

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

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my  Visa  MasterCard  
 American Express  Discover

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Card Holder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Order # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

You may register online at [www.afccnet.org](http://www.afccnet.org) or return completed form and payment to:

**AFCC**  
6525 Grand Teton Plaza  
Madison, WI 53719  
Phone: (608) 664-3750  
Fax: (608) 664-3751  
Email: [afcc@afccnet.org](mailto:afcc@afccnet.org)

**Cancellation Policy:** Transfer of registration to another person may be done at any time without a fee. All requests for refunds must be made in writing. Written notice of cancellation received by fax or postmarked by October 10, 2011 will be issued a full refund minus a \$60 service fee. Written notice received by fax or post-marked by October 17, 2011 will have the \$60 service fee deducted with the balance issued as a credit for future AFCC conferences, publications or membership dues. No refunds or credits will be issued for cancellations received after October 17, 2011.



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