Child Support Brochure

AFCC’s “Family of Pamphlets” now includes the new brochure, Child Support. Child support payments have long been a source of hostility between parents. Anger over the amount of child support, the timeliness of the payments, and the appropriate-ness of its use have caused many a “battle” both in and out of court.

Written in a question and answer format, the child support pamphlet provides helpful information for family members and will be a well-thumbed item in any waiting room or office. The pamphlet joins AFCC’s other pamphlets on parenting after divorce, mediation, step-families and joint custody. AFCC’s pamphlets may be purchased for $0.25 each; $0.20 each for orders over 1000. A publication order form is enclosed.

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

Questions and Answers

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

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

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

(Winipeg Call For Papers)

AFCC’s 1990 annual meeting will be held in Winnipeg, Canada May 30–June 2. Conference organizers have issued a Call for Papers to be included in the conference theme volume “Challenging Our Assump-tions.” Previously unpublished papers are invited in the following areas:

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

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

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

NZ Video Is Smashing!

You’re Still MUM and DAD

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

Mediation & Domestic Violence Video

The Judicial Council of California Administrative Office of the Court has developed a training and informational video on mediation and domestic violence. The two segment tape includes Domestic Violence: The Crime That Tears Families Apart and Mediation: The Crucial Factor. The tape was produced in response to California legis-lation requiring a training program for family court mediators on issues of domestic violence. The tape is accompanied by a two page discussion guide. Excerpts from AFCC’s film A Family Affair were included in the production of this video. The two-part video may be purchased from AFCC for $125. Copies of A Family Affair may be purchased for $450 or rented for $60 in 16mm or video format from VISUCOM Productions, Inc., 1255 Veterans Blvd. Redwood City, CA 94063 (415) 364-5568. An order form is enclosed.

Sexual Abuse Allegations Report Available

The final report of AFCC’s Sexual Abuse Allegations Project, directed by Jessica Pearson, is now available. The two year study of sexual abuse allegations in divorce cases reports data collected from 13 courts and 12 protective services agencies. The study examines the nature and validity of the allegations in divorce cases, jurisdictional conflicts and case management issues. The report is available from AFCC for $12.50. Order form is enclosed.
1989 Fall Regional Conferences

NORTHCENTRAL
The Northcentral Regional meeting will be held September 21-23, 1989 at the Embassy Suites in Indianapolis. The theme, *Impacting the Abusive/Addictive Client: A Professional Perspective* will focus on the dysfunctional family. Special topics include child abuse, spouse abuse, sexual abuse and addictions. A unique conferencing format will allow participants to delve into these timely topics and will offer an opportunity for interprofessional exchange. A pre-conference workshop on "Establishing a Court-connected Service" will also be offered. The Northcentral region takes great pride in welcoming new participants and extending AFCF hospitality. Registration for AFCF members (before Sept. 1) is $75 and for non-members is $90. A combined membership/registration fee is offered for $145. Registration for the pre-conference workshop is $35. Further information is available from conference chair Ellen Ruddy, Domestic Relations Counseling Bureau, City-County Bldg., Room 742, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 (317) 296-3858.

SOUTHCENTRAL
The first Southcentral regional meeting and mid-year AFCF Board meeting will be held October 19-21, 1989 at the Dallas Sheraton ($85/night). The conference theme will be *Healthy Resolutions to Divorce Issues*. The landmark findings of the Timberlawn Psychiatric Foundation's study on "The Healthy Family: Myth or Reality?" will be presented by Dr. Robert Stewart. Dr. William Hodges, University of Colorado, will discuss "Joint Custody: Problem or Solution?" Other topics include ethical concerns for the guardian ad litem, the expert witness, protecting children through the litigation process, a judicial view of mediation and mediation research on outcome satisfaction. AFCF member early registration (before Sept. 20) is $90 and non-member early registration is $115. A combination new member/registration fee is offered for $165. Contact Linda Hahn, Old Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Dallas TX (214) 653-7674.

NORTH CAROLINA
*MEDIATION NETWORK*
AFCF and the Mediation Network of North Carolina, Guilford College and the North Carolina Bar Association are co-sponsoring the Southeastern Conference on *Mediation in the Main Stream*, Oct. 13-14 at Guilford College in Greensboro, NC. In addition to the workshops and conference plenary presentations, formation of family issues, participants will have an opportunity to learn about the latest trends, programs and professional issues regarding mediation in the public arena, schools and the community. Further information may be obtained from Frank Laney, NC Bar Foundation, P.O. Box 12806, Raleigh, NC 27605 (919) 820-0561 or The Mediation Network, P.O. Box 217, Pittsboro, NC 27312 (919) 542-4010.

NORTHEAST
The Boston Downtown Quality Inn will be the site of the Northeast regional meeting December 6-8, 1989. Further information may be obtained from Tim Salus, 28 Grand St., Hartford, CT 06106 (203) 568-8187 or Azza Butler, P.O. Box 6758, Towson MD 21204 (301) 887-6578.

Upcoming Regionals

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

Post-conference trip to York, England
AFCF members, family and friends can round off their trip to Winnipeg, Canada for the 1990 annual meeting by joining the post-conference trip to York, England. Participants can participate in the conference of the Standing Committee for Interdisciplinary Cooperation in Family Proceedings June 11-13, 1990. The town is two hours by train from London and Edinburgh and is the home of the "Yorkshire Exhibition," a striking representation of life in York during the Viking era. Conference participants will be staying at the Novetel Hotel, near the center of the old walled city and close to many other attractions. A conference dinner is scheduled for the Merchant Tailors' Hall, the ancient Guild Hall of the city.

Although travel and tour plans are not finalized at this time, it appears that several travel options may be available. Members may depart the Winnipeg conference and tour England, Wales and Ireland before the York conference or may join a charter flight departing from the East coast immediately preceding the York conference. Tim Salus, Director Family Court Services, will be leading the tour. AFCF members Tony Wells, Janet Walker and Lisa Parkinson are among our UK members who will be eager to renew AFCF acquaintances. Further information will be available in the next Newsletter, however it would be helpful if you would communicate your travel interests to Tim Salus, 28 Grand St. Hartford, CT 06106 (203) 568-8187.

Dallas Conference Schedule
Wed. Oct. 18, 1989
5pm Executive Committee
7am-Noon Committee Meetings
1pm-Spm Board of Directors
6pm-7pm New Member Reception
Fri. Oct. 20, 1989
9am-Spm Conference Sessions
Sat. Oct. 21, 1989
7am-9am Tentative Board Meeting
9am-4:00pm Conference Sessions

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

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

Folberg New Dean At USF

This has been a big year for Jay Folberg, former Executive Director of AFCC and a Past-President. Jay Folberg, formerly professor of law at Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, OR, was selected as Dean of the Law School at the University of San Francisco and elected President of the Academy of Family Mediators. Dean Folberg is well known to many AFCC members and colleagues in the alternative dispute resolution field. He is the co-author of Mediation—A Comprehensive Guide to Resolving Conflicts Without Litigation and co-editor of Force Mediation: Theory and Practice. Folberg was selected from 60 applicants for the Deanship. Although he has no immediate plans for changes in the 77 year old law school, he is looking forward to expanding the ADR curriculum and working with the faculty. As President of the Academy of Family Mediators, Folberg will be working with the Board of Directors to implement the long-range planning Committee’s recommendations to expand the membership to include mediators who practice in areas beyond the family.

Levit and Taylor Receive AFCC Awards

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

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

Member News

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

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

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

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

Mary Beth Gorsich, Midland, is President of the Michigan Association of Court Mediators. MACM is preparing a mediation manual to include suggested mediation agreements and a pre and post mediation evaluation form. Further information may be obtained from Mary Beth, Midland County Courthouse, Midland, MI 48640 (517) 832-6821.

Will you help sign up a new member?

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

New Officers and Board Members

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Job Opening

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

Contact: Aza Howard Butler, P.O. Box 6758, Towson, MD 21204, (301) 887-6578.
Mediation & Domestic Violence Forum

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

It is AFCC's desire to continue to host such forums and to provide opportunities for groups and individuals to define the issues and to find creative and effective solutions to the issues and concerns. Several of AFCC's upcoming regional conferences will include workshops and presentations on domestic violence and mediation and several court programs have advised the AFCC office that they are scheduling training programs with domestic violence center staff to increase their knowledge and expertise in this area. AFCC will be looking for funds for research and technical assistance and intends to again host a national forum in 1994 at the annual meeting in Pittsburgh, PA.

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

Mediator's Guide Available

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

Courts Receive Awards

The National Association of Counties recently selected Clark County (Las Vegas), Nevada and Orange County (Santa Ana), California to receive the NACo Achievement Award. Both awards were given to the child custody divisions for their mediation and custody evaluation programs. Clark County, Nevada has increased services and diminished the backlog of cases without any additional staff or expense to the county. Directed by AFCC Regional Conference Coordinator and Board Member Ruth Pearson Urban, Clark County has revised its procedures and forms to eliminate the adversarial nature of its services and has worked closely with the Bar Association to provide continuing legal education for family law lawyers. The Juvenile Court Dependency Mediation Program of Orange County, California was established in 1987. A total of 432 dependency cases were mediated during 1986. Of those cases, an over-all agreement rate of 90% was reached, with 60% of the cases coming to a total agreement on all issues and 28% resolving a portion of the issues. Jan Shaw, Director, indicates that attorneys representing each of the parents, the minor and Social Services participate in the mediation process. Further information may be obtained from Ruth Pearson Urban, Director, Clark County Courthouse, Child Custody Division, 200 S. 3rd. St., Ste. 407, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (702) 455-4185 and Jan Shaw, Director, Mediation and Investigative Services, P.O. Box 1994, Santa Ana CA 92702 (714) 834-4768.

AIDS and Family Law

Nearly 80,000 people in the US have contacted AIDS and 50,000 have already died. By 1991, the AIDS population is expected to triple and fatalities will reach 178,000. Questions of parenting capacity and concerns about the possible need to limit access of children to parents with AIDS are now being raised in Court. AFCC's Public Policy Committee, under the direction of AFCC Board member John Kydd, Seattle, has studied this issue. A twelve page policy paper was approved by the Board of Directors and is available for distribution. The paper presents the current guidelines of the Center for Disease Control regarding the transmission of AIDS and discusses their relevance to family law matters. Further information may be obtained from John Kydd, Bank of California Center, 900 4th Ave. Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 823-5221. Copies are available for $2.50 prepaid from AFCC, 929 W. Wilson St., Madison, WI 53703.
PAMPHLETS

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

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

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

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

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

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

FILMS/VIDEO TAPES

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

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

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

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Center for Policy Research, directed by Jessica Pearson and Nancy Thoeiness, has been notified by the State Justice Institute that three court-related projects have been funded. "The Impact of Mandated Mediation Project" will augment a locally conducted Marion County (Indiana) project directed by Ellen Rudn, Director of the Domestic Relations Counseling Service. This project will look beyond child custody and visitation issues to study the ancillary affects of mediation on levels and payment of child support. "The Impact of Custody on Plan on the Family—A Five Year Follow-Up" conducted by Margaret Little, Los Angeles; "Family Outcome and Followup Surveys," contact person Mary Durys, Alameda County; "Analysis of California Child Support Guidelines" conducted by Robert Williams, Denver; "Client Survey" conducted by Joseph Dauesnal, Orange County, California. The Judicial Council has also funded two projects concerned with domestic violence: "Supervised Parent/Child Visitation for Abusive Parents", conducted by David Rosenhan, Stanford; and "Developing Guidelines for the Resolution of Disputed Custody and Visitation Where Children Have Witnessed Domestic Violence", Janet Johnston, Principle Investigator. Further information on these projects may be obtained from Charlene Depner, Ph.D., the Judicial Council of California, (415) 557-4129.

Conciliation in England & Wales

The Family and Community Dispute Research Centre at the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne is studying the impact of various forms of social conflict and alternative dispute resolution. A recent report documents the costs and effectiveness of conciliation in England and Wales. Contact	

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

Public Benefit Issues

The National Institute for Dispute Resolution has published "Public Benefit Issues in Divorce Cases: A Manual for Mediators." The manual was prepared by the Washington DC-based Center for Law and Social Policy. Individual copies are available for charge from NIDR, 1901 L Street NW, Ste 600, Washington DC 20036 (202) 465-4764.

Upcoming Events

September 21-23, 1989
AFCC Northern Regional Conference
Indianapolis Embassy Suites
Contact: Ellen Rudn
Domestic Relations Counseling Bureau
City-County Bldg., Flm 742
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 236-3958

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

October 11-14, 1989
NASW Annual Conference
San Francisco
Contact: NASW
7881 Eastern Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 388-8800

October 13-14, 1989
Mediation Network of North Carolina
Greensboro, NC
Contact: Claire Miller
302 Weaver St.
Carrboro, NC 27510
(919) 829-9850

October 19-21, 1989
AFCC Southcentral Conference and mid-year Board Mtg
Dallas Hybrid: Regency
Contact: Linda Hahn
Family Court Services
Old Courthouse/3rd Floor
Dallas, TX 75202
(214) 653-7974

October 19-22, 1989
SPIIDR Conference
Washington, DC
Contact: SPIDR
1750 Rhode Island Ave. NW
Ste. 909
Washington, DC
(202) 833-2188

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October 25-26, 1989
Family Mediation Canada
Vancouver, BC
Contact: FMC
123 Woolwich St.
Guelph, Ontario CANADA N1H 3V1

October 26-29, 1989
AAMFT Annual Meeting
San Francisco
Contact: AAMFT
1717 K Street NW, #407
Wash DC 20006
(202) 429-1825

October 26-29, 1989
November 9-12, 1989
December 7-10, 1989
January 4-7, 1990
Family Mediation Training
San Francisco
Contact: John Lemmon
5248 Boyd Ave.
Oakland, CA 94618
(415) 547-6059

November 4-5 & 19-19, 1989
Divorce Mediation Training
Carl Schneider & Zena Zumeret
Contact: Carl Schneider, Ph.D.
1675 Dempster St. Ste. 305
Park Ridge, IL 60068
(312) 696-6023

November 8-12, 1989
Divorce Mediation Training
Contact: Dispute Management, Inc.
P.O. Box 532098
Orlando, FL 32853
(800) 541-7865

December 6-10, 1989
Mediation Training
Contact: Haynes Mediation Associates
181 E. Main St.
Huntington, NY 11743
(516) 385-2490

May 30-June 2, 1990
AFCC Annual Meeting
Winnipeg, CANADA
Contact: Lorraine Martin
Family Conciliation, 9th Floor
405 Broadway Ave.
Winnipeg, Manitoba CANADA R3C 3L6
(204) 945-7236

June 11-13, 1990
Interdisciplinary Cooperation
In Family Proceedings
York, England
Contact: Tony Wells
Abion Chambers Annexe
Small Street
Bristol, England BS1 1BZ
(0272) 264608
or Tim Salus
28 Grand Street
Hartford, CT 06106
(203) 566-8187

September 20-22, 1990
AFCC Northcentral Conference
and mid-year Board Mtg.
Kansas City, MO
Contact: Carol Roeder-Esser
10755 Oakmont
Overland Park, KS 66210
(913) 831-2550

October 21-24, 1990
Family Mediation Canada & AFCC NE Regional
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Contact: Hon. R. James Williams
Family Court
P.O. Box 1253
Dartmouth, NS Canada B2Y 3R9
(902) 424-4639
or Paul Young
(519)838-7750

May 22-25, 1991
AFCC Annual Meeting
Pittsburgh, PA
Contact: Hon. Lawrence Kaplan
Family Division
604 City-County Bldg.
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
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