



2009 NEWSLETTER

Winter

Special Points of Interest:

Parenting Coordination: Working with High Conflict Families

Christine Coates, M.Ed., JD
February 22-23, 2010
Houston, Texas

Attachment, Alienation and Access: Advanced Interventions for Parenting Coordinators

Arnold T. Shienvold, Ph.D.
February 24-25, 2010
Houston, Texas

47th Annual Conference Traversing the Trail of Aliena- tion: Rocky Relationships, Mountains of Emotion, Mile High Conflict

June 2-5, 2010
Sheraton Denver
Denver, Colorado

AFCC Ninth Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations

October 28-30, 2010
Hyatt Regency Cambridge
Cambridge/Boston,
Massachusetts

President's Note

Louise Lee McEvoy, *Texas Chapter President*

Hello, Members of the Texas Chapter of AFCC!

I am proud to announce that the Texas Chapter of AFCC has had another successful annual conference. The Ninth Annual Texas Chapter of AFCC conference was held on October 23 - 24, 2009 at the South Texas College of Law. This year's theme was "Interventions for Family Conflict with Unmarried Parents: What are the Policy, Legal, and Societal Implications?" Nearly 100 conference participants listened to speakers from all over the country and state. Some of the most popular speakers included Professor Cynthia Osborne from the University of Texas LBJ School of Public Health in Austin, Texas, Professor Mary O'Connell from Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts, and Dr. David Finn, from Rolling Meadows, Illinois. We also had a special appearance by Leslye Hunter, Associate Director of AFCC - what a treat! I thank all of the presenters for their time and energy as they shared their knowledge and expertise with our conference attendees. In addition, I would like to extend special gratitude to the Texas Chapter of AFCC Board of Directors, Barbara Stalder, Aaron Robb, Anuradha "Nikki" Dhingra, and the staff at the South Texas College of Law for their contributions and efforts in helping to make the conference a success.

In February of 2010, AFCC will be hosting two 2-day regional trainings in collaboration with South Texas College of Law's Evans Center for Conflict Resolution at South Texas College of

Law in Houston, Texas on February 22-25, 2010. The first training will be "Parenting Coordination: Working with High Conflict Families" and the presenter will be Christine Coates, M.Ed., JD. The second training will be "Attachment, Alienation and Difficult Clients" and the presenter will be Arnold T. Shienvold, Ph.D. The program brochure is available at www.afccnet.org.

I would also like to encourage you to consider attending the 47th AFCC Annual Conference, "Traversing the Trail of Alienation: Rocky Relationships, Mountains of Emotion, Mile High Conflict" in Denver, Colorado from June 2-5, 2010. Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for the conference program sometime in January of 2010. Great conference. Beautiful city. What more can you ask for? See you in Denver.

Attached you will find the nomination slate for the 2010 Texas Chapter of AFCC Board of Directors. Recently, President-Elect David Eaker resigned from the Board, leaving a vacancy for the President position. After some careful and thoughtful consideration, several board members stepped up to new leadership roles. We also have a couple of new candidates for the At-Large positions. Please review the nominations and vote according to the instructions attached to the slate. I thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

For 2010, we will again start up the listserv capabilities for the Texas Chapter of AFCC. With the help of Jack Bannin and Aaron Robb, we hope to bring this

idea-exchanging opportunity back to the Chapter membership.

Lastly, the Board of Directors and I would like to encourage all Texas Chapter AFCC members to get more involved with our chapter. Many opportunities are available, including committee leadership and/or involvement. Some of our standing committees include: Nominations, Conference Planning, Membership/Education, and Publications. I also ask you to consider serving in a leadership role as a future member of our Board of Directors. If you are interested in any of these opportunities or have suggestions to improve our chapter, please contact me at louise@childlawmatters.com.

I again thank you for all the great things that you are doing for the children and families in Texas. During this holiday season, I wish you and your family a safe, happy, and peaceful transition into 2010.

Best Regards,

Louise Lee McEvoy
President, Texas Chapter of
AFCC

Dear AFCC Texas Chapter Members,

Below is the slate of officers and directors that are returning to complete unexpired terms or have been nominated to serve on the AFCC-Texas Chapter Board for next year. This slate was presented to you for your consideration at the annual membership meeting on October 24, 2009. In order to be counted, your vote must be received by **December 31, 2009**. To vote, mark the ballot below and return it to:

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Thank you so very much for your participation.

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2010 AFCC Nominations for Board of Directors

Officers

President: Louise Lee McEvoy, JD, Houston	YES _____ Write-In _____
President-Elect: Janet Heppard, JD, Houston	YES _____ Write-In _____
Treasurer: Trevor Townes, M.A., Houston	YES _____ Write-In _____
Secretary: Mardi Winder-Adams, M.Ed., Omaha	YES _____ Write-In _____
Immediate Past President: Martha J. Musselman, JD, The Woodlands	
At-Large Directors (serving 2 year terms) Anita Stuckey, Office of the Attorney General Judge Kathleen Hamilton, Conroe Mary Fogel, MS, Austin Stephanie Hall, JD, Conroe	Term expires 12/31/2010 Term expires 12/31/2010 Term expires 12/31/2010 Term expires 12/31/2010
<i>Terms ending (December 31, 2011)</i> Jack Bannin, MS, LPC, LMFT, San Antonio Deborah Cashen, CFLE, Granbury C. Donna Cox, JD, Aransas Pass Janet Denton, JD, Tarrant County	YES _____ Write-In _____ YES _____ Write-In _____ YES _____ Write-In _____ YES _____ Write-In _____