



2010 NEWSLETTER

Summer II

Special Points of Interest:

Ontario Chapter Annual Conference

October 14-15, 2010
The Future of Family Law
University of Toronto
Residences
Toronto, Canada

Texas Chapter Annual Conference

October 15-16, 2010
*Children Caught in the Conflict:
A Multidisciplinary Perspective*
Houston, Texas

AFCC Ninth Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations

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

Arizona Chapter Annual Conference

January 28-30, 2011
Sedona, Arizona

AFCC 48th Annual Conference

June 1-4, 2011
Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek
Resort
Orlando, Florida

President's Note

Louise Lee McEvoy, *Texas Chapter President*

Hello! I hope this message finds you and your family enjoying the summertime. I hope that all of you who had the opportunity to go to the parent organization's Denver conference had an enjoyable and productive time in the Mile High City.

The AFCC Texas Chapter will have its annual conference in collaboration with The University of Houston Law Center Clinical Program on October 15-16, 2010 in Houston. This year's theme will be "Children Caught in the Conflict: A Multidisciplinary Perspective". The confirmed keynote speaker, Dr. Isolina Ricci, author of Mom's House, Dad's House books, will be presenting "Co-Parenting Today: The Professional's Toolkit." Speakers from around the state and the country will be sharing their insight and expertise about various topics in their respective

fields, such as: updated statutes, Collaborative approach to CPS cases, multi-generational mediation, children with special needs, parenting coordination/facilitation, personality disorders, and substance abuse. Your registration fee will include lunch from Treebeards on both days. Also, the Second Annual Silent Auction will take place during the reception on Friday, October 15th. The brochure is available on our webpage at texasafcc.org. Mark your calendars for this exciting conference!!!

Lastly, the Board of Directors and I would like to, again, encourage all AFCC Texas Chapter 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.

Best regards,

Louise Lee McEvoy
President, AFCC Texas Chapter

**Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Texas Chapter
In conjunction with**

THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER CLINICAL PROGRAM

2010 Tenth Annual Texas AFCC Statewide Conference

October 15 & 16, 2010

University of Houston Law Center

4800 Calhoun, Krost Hall

Entrance 19

Houston, Texas

Brochure available NOW at www.texasafcc.org.

**Children Caught in the Conflict:
A Multidisciplinary Perspective**

Featuring Keynote Speaker - Dr. Isolina Ricci, Ph.D.,
Author of Mom's House, Dad's House books
Presenting "Co-Parenting Today: The Professional's Toolkit"

Isolina Ricci, Ph.D, the author of Mom's House, Dad's House for parents and Mom's House, Dad's House for Kids, is a licensed marriage and family therapist with 35 years experience in the fields of divorce, custody, co-parenting and mediation. Many of her pioneering concepts have now become accepted standards. For 14 years she headed the Statewide Office of Family Court Services for the California Administrative Office of the Courts serving all family court mediation and child custody services. She received her doctorate from Stanford University and has been honored by the Academy of Family Mediators and the International and California Association of Family and Conciliation Courts with their most prestigious awards for outstanding contributions and achievements.

She is the Director of CoParenting Today providing consultation, co-parent counseling, publications, and professional training where she integrates research on the brain, impulse control, resiliency, and motivation in her work. The audio book, Mom's House, Dad's House for Kids and a workbook for co-parents will be published in Fall 2010.

Do you want some practical tools to help neutralize acrimony and those counter-productive positions about the former spouse, co-parenting, divorce, and children? This interactive hands-on presentation shows you how the new brain research can be used to fashion simple but powerful tools that can help your client move on. Dr. Ricci will introduce new tools, reaffirm and update some traditional approaches and challenge some others. You will leave with a wealth of materials for you and your clients and a list of things you can try tomorrow.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hilton University of Houston Hotel
4800 Calhoun Road
Houston, Texas 77204-3902
832-531-6300
Reservations: 866-327-1161
Group Name: A.F.C.C.
Special conference rate is \$118.00/night until 09/14/2010

Don't miss our Second Annual SILENT AUCTION
Friday evening of the conference

Confirmed items include:

- Galveston beach house weekend
- Texas Wine Lover's Basket
- Golf Lover's Basket
- Coach Bag Co. accessories
- Memorabilia from various Texas collegiate and professional teams
- Original artwork from a New York artist
- Original artwork from local children
- And much more!!!

Lunch from Treebeards provided on both days