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Q&A with Kyle Pruett

Insight into Decades of Research on Father Involvement

Dr. Kyle Pruett will present a keynote address at the AFCC 53rd Annual Conference, *Modern Families: New Challenges, New Solutions* in Seattle on June 3, 2016. His keynote, "Modern Fathering: Where is it Now, How Did it Get Here, and Where is it Going?" will draw from original research and family epidemiology to detail how fatherhood has changed in the hands of the millennial generation and what those changes mean to and for millennials' children, partners, and our social and economic communities.

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AFCC 53rd Annual Conference Modern Families: New Challenges, New Solutions June 1-4, 2016, Sheraton Seattle Hotel

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Earn up to 20.5 hours of continuing education for psychologists, lawyers, counselors, social workers, mediators, custody evaluators and mental health professionals. [Learn more regarding approvals and applications.](#) [Register for the conference.](#)

Donate to the Silent Auction

Donate an item and attend the auction to bid! You do not need to attend the conference to donate. Held Friday evening at the conference, it's a fun time to relax and socialize before the annual banquet. [Donate an item.](#)

Exhibit Space is Almost Sold Out

If you would like to have an onsite presence at the 53rd Annual Conference in Seattle—act now. Space is limited. [Read more](#) about the opportunities and contact [Erin Sommerfeld](#).

Reservations at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel

The AFCC room block at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel is nearly sold out. Register for the conference and make your reservation today to ensure a room at the conference hotel. [Book online](#) or call [888-627-7056](tel:888-627-7056). [See the AFCC website for the latest information.](#)

Ask the Experts: Top 12 Tips for Co-Parent Boundaries

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Upcoming Conferences and Trainings



AFCC 53rd Annual Conference

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When parents separate, their lives need more clearly defined boundaries for their sake and for the children. Two of the most important parenting skills are managing one's own stress and modeling healthy adult relationship communication. Setting boundaries individually and jointly can protect children from situations where they might be exposed to too much of their parent's distress and also show them that their separated parents can successfully manage their new lives. [The following 12 tips can help.](#)

If you like *Ask the Experts* don't miss your chance to download free for a limited time, [Ask the Experts from the AFCC eNEWS: Guidance from Leading Family Law Professionals](#), a compilation of columns from the AFCC eNEWS.

Present at the AFCC Symposium in Atlanta 12th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations November 3-5, 2016, Sheraton Atlanta Hotel

AFCC is accepting proposals for 90-minute workshops addressing practice skills, professional issues and advanced theoretical applications. This year's theme is *Abuse, Alienation and Gatekeeping: Critical Issues for Family Court Professionals*. The symposium is designed for custody evaluators, judges, lawyers, mediators and professionals who work with separating and divorcing families. [Submit your proposal](#) on or before May 6, 2016, using the online form. AFCC offers a reduced registration rate for presenters. The program brochure will be available in July. [More information](#), including a list of suggested topics.

Call for Applications: Contribute to the AFCC Family Court Services Resource Guide

AFCC is collecting examples of services, programs, practices and processes that provide assistance to families who are involved in a family court process such as divorce, separation, or paternity issues. These examples need not be something identified as "best practices" or "evidence-based," but should be successful in meeting the needs of the families, professionals and courts involved. These examples will be shared publicly in the AFCC Family Court Services Resource Guide as a way to help develop new approaches to these difficult issues. [Learn more.](#)

Member News

Jana Aune Deach, JD, Minneapolis, Minnesota, has been elected to the Moss & Barnett Board of Directors. Ms. Aune Deach is a family law attorney and the AFCC Minnesota Chapter President (2015-2017), and this will be her first time serving on the firm's board of directors. [Read more.](#)

Hon. Grace Dickler, presiding judge of the domestic relations division in Cook County Circuit Court, Chicago, Illinois, was profiled by the *Chicago Tribune* for her work in a program to hear family law cases via videoconference when one party is incarcerated. The program gives people who are incarcerated access to justice for domestic relation matters including divorce, or reconnecting with their children. [Read more.](#)

Wendy Paris, MFA, Santa Monica, California, has written a new book, *Splitopia: Dispatches from Today's Good Divorce and How to Part Well*, which looks at how changes in laws and customs over the past 40 years have improved divorce for many. The book profiles people in positive, post-marital relationships, and tracks the author's path through separation to divorce.

Congratulations on Ten Years, IAALS!

This year is the [10th anniversary of IAALS](#), the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System, a national, independent research center dedicated to facilitating continuous improvement and advancing excellence in the American legal system. AFCC is pleased to have worked with IAALS Honoring Families Initiative on projects such as the [Unbundling Legal Services Project](#).

Last Call for Sesame Street Kits

For the past three years Sesame Workshop has generously provided free kits *Little Children Big Challenges: Divorce* kits to AFCC members. Distribution of materials



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AFCC Chapter Annual Conferences

Missouri Chapter Annual Conference

March 31-April 1, 2016
St. Louis City Center Hotel
St. Louis, Missouri
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Massachusetts Chapter Annual Conference

April 1, 2016
Conference Center at Waltham Woods
Waltham, Massachusetts
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Ohio Chapter Annual Conference

April 6, 2016
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Oregon Chapter Annual Conference

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Oregon State Bar
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will be completed in the next few months. Now is the time to request kits for your office. AFCC members with US mailing addresses may [order](#) increments of 50 or 100 on the AFCC website. Anyone with the capacity to distribute a larger number of kits should [contact Sesame Workshop directly](#). Materials will remain available [online](#); physical kits will no longer be available.

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