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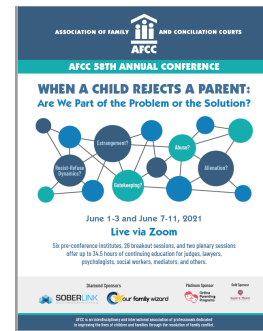
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Visit the AFCC 58th Annual Conference Online Portal!

When a Child Rejects a Parent: Are We Part of the Problem or the Solution?
 June 1-3 and June 7-11, 2021
 Live via Zoom

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 June 1-3, 2021 and
 June 7-11, 2021



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home for all the information you need about the conference.

- Visit the **Sessions tab** to view the full schedule, including workshop descriptions, date and time, presenter information, and more.
- **Download** the conference brochure.
- **Apply** for a conference scholarship by March 31, 2021.
- View **on-demand workshops**, available now, with more to come soon.
- Check **continuing education** approvals and pending applications.
- Learn about **conference sponsors and exhibitors**.
- Read other **conference information**, including equipment requirements, social activities, and how to make the most of your conference experience.
- **Register** for the conference and pre-conference institutes!

Register now!

Bonus On-Demand Workshops!

Over 20 workshops will be recorded and made available to registrants of the 58th Annual Conference! Five recordings are ready to **view now**; more will be added in the coming weeks.

- **EMDR with Children Who Resist Contact with a Parent** presented by *Stacey White Kinney, MS*
- **The Future of Family Justice Reform** presented by *Alicia Davis, JD and Michael Houlberg*
- **Gathering, Interpreting, and Archiving Email, Text, Social Media, and Internet Data in a Forensically Defensible Manner** presented by *Sean Knuth, PhD and Chris Mulcahy, PhD*
- **Religious and Cultural Considerations in Divorce and Custody Disputes** presented by *Jacqueline Harounian, JD*
- **See Evil, Hear Evil, Speak Evil: What Goes Around Comes Around** presented by *Sue Bronson, MSW, LCSW and Linda Fieldstone, MEd*

Don't miss this opportunity to learn even more, courtesy of the AFCC 58th Annual Conference. Watch these outstanding workshops now to whet your appetite for all the informative presentations to come! Remember, **registrants can view these recordings for no additional charge!** (*No certificate of attendance will be issued for viewing on-demand workshops.*)

Conference Scholarships Are Available!

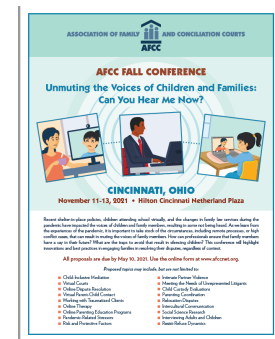
Thanks to the **generosity of donors** to the AFCC Scholarship Fund, AFCC will offer numerous scholarships to the 58th Annual Conference. Each scholarship includes conference



AFCC Fall Conference

November 11-13, 2021
Cincinnati, Ohio

Submit your proposal
by May 10, 2021.



AFCC Chapter Conferences & Webinar Series

Florida Chapter Winter 2021 Webinar Series

Runs through March 25, 2021

Alberta Chapter Annual Conference

March 19, 2021
Being held virtually

Ohio Chapter Annual Conference

April 7, 2021
Being held virtually

Missouri Chapter Annual Conference

April 9, 2021 and April 16, 2021
Being held virtually

Colorado Chapter Spring Conference

April 23, 2021
Being held virtually

registration, up to three pre-conference institutes, and a certificate of attendance! Don't delay -- applications are due **March 31, 2021. [Apply now!](#)**

Exhibitor and Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

AFCC offers organizations the opportunity to reach attendees of the 58th Annual Conference. Sign up now to exhibit or sponsor the conference to promote your products and service! [Learn more](#) and contact AFCC Communications Coordinator [Gina Wentling](#) with any questions.

First AFCC DE&I Discussion Group Set for March 31st

AFCC's Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DE&I) Task Force has begun its series of free webinars and discussion groups to examine the intersection of culture and family law.

The first webinar, *Does Diversity Matter in Family Law?*, was a huge success, drawing 277 registrants. The first discussion group will follow on March 31, 2021 and focus on the topics explored during the first webinar. Questions posed during the webinar will be revisited and moderators will help the conversation flow.

AFCC members, if you were unable to attend the first DE&I webinar live, you are welcome to view the recording [here](#). Viewing of the webinar is *not* required for discussion group participation.

Discussion Group

March 31, 2021, 4:00pm-5:00pm Eastern Time US/Canada
[Register now!](#)

To attend future discussions and webinars, save the dates below! Webinars are free to all and include a certificate of attendance. You *must* register to attend.

Risk Management and Culture - Why You Really Should Care about DE&I

April Harris-Britt, PhD and Nolanda Kirby, MS
May 5, 2021 | 4:00pm-5:00pm Eastern Time US/Canada
[Registration is open!](#)

- **Discussion Group** - May 19, 2021, 4:00pm-5:00pm Eastern Time US/Canada

Culture Specific Family Conflict: Case Applications

Gitu Bhatia, PsyD; Linda Bortell, PsyD; and Frank Davis, PhD
July 7, 2021 | 4:00pm-5:00pm Eastern Time US/Canada

- **Discussion Group** - July 21, 2021, 4:00pm-5:00pm Eastern Time US/Canada

Massachusetts Chapter Annual Conference

April 30, 2021
Being held virtually

Australia Chapter Annual Conference

July 2-4, 2021
South Brisbane, QLD

Wisconsin Chapter Annual Conference

September 30, 2021
Delafield, Wisconsin

Ontario Chapter Annual Conference

October 15, 2021
Toronto, Ontario

Arizona Chapter Annual Conference

January 28-30, 2022
Sedona, Arizona

Resource of the Month

Discussion Group

March 31, 2021
4:00pm-5:00pm Eastern Time US/Canada

The AFCC DE&I Task Force will meet to discuss issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion in family law. Join us!



Now Accepting Proposals for the AFCC Fall Conference!

AFCC is accepting proposals for 90-minute workshops to be presented at the Fall Conference, November 11-13, 2021 in Cincinnati. Please read the [Call for Proposals](#)

thoroughly and submit your proposal using the [online form](#). The deadline to submit is **May 10, 2021**.

Whether or not you hope to present, please plan to attend!

AFCC Fall Conference

Unmuting the Voices of Children and Families: Can You Hear Me Now?

November 11-13, 2021

Cincinnati Netherland Plaza

Cincinnati, OH

Save the Date for the AFCC-AAML Conference!

AFCC is collaborating with its colleagues at the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) to bring you an exceptional, advanced-level training opportunity sponsored by two premier family law organizations.

This year's program returns to Washington, DC and features a Trial Track and Parenting Coordination Track. Watch for the program this spring!

Leaders of AFCC and AAML are paying close attention to the evolving coronavirus situation and its implications for in-person events. We are presently anticipating that the conference can be held in Washington, DC as planned.

Save the date and stay tuned for more details!

September 23-25, 2021

Capital Hilton

Washington, DC

Nominate a Colleague for an AFCC Award!

During the 58th Annual Conference in June, AFCC will continue its tradition of recognizing its members' accomplishments by presenting awards the following awards.

- **John E. VanDuzer Distinguished Service Award** recognizes outstanding contributions and/or achievements by AFCC members.
- **Stanley Cohen Distinguished Research Award**, sponsored by the Oregon Family Institute, recognizes outstanding research and/or research achievements in the field of family and divorce.
- **Irwin Cantor Innovative Program Award** recognizes innovation in court-connected or court-related programs created by AFCC members.

Consider nominating a deserving colleague or program for an AFCC award. Don't delay -- the submission deadline is **March 26, 2021**.



AFCC Awards

AFCC Webinar Corner

There's still time to register for March's webinar!

A Primer in Child Development for the Family Law Professional

Robert A. Simon, PhD

March 25, 2021 | 1:00pm-2:00pm Eastern Time US/Canada

[Register now!](#)

Coming next month...

Using Survey Data to Profile Extreme Views of Resist and Refusal Dynamics

Michael Saini, PhD

April 15, 2021 | 1:00pm-2:00pm Eastern Time US/Canada

Registration closes on April 14, 2021 at 9:00am Eastern Time US/Canada.

The presence of Resist and Refusal Dynamics (RRD) remains hotly debated. AFCC, NCJFCJ, and the University of Toronto teamed up to explore this important issue by administering a survey to family law professionals. Based on 1,049 respondents, this webinar will highlight the views and attitudes in the field and showcase concordance in the field, while highlighting the typologies of extreme positions that can intensify and polarize binary and simplified thinking.

Michael A. Saini, PhD, Associate Professor and holds the endowed Factor-Inwentash Chair in Law and Social Work and he is the Co-Director of the Combined J.D. and M.S.W. program with the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto. Dr. Saini is a Board Member of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, the Chair of AFCC's Webinar Committee and an editorial board member for the *Family Court Review*.



Registration

Members: \$15

Non-Members: \$50

Certificate of Attendance

Members: \$15

Non-Members: \$20

Continuing education credit may be available for lawyers, judges, psychologists, social workers, counselors, and other professionals. [Learn more.](#)

[Register today!](#)

Register Now for AFCC's May webinars!

Deconstructing a Child Custody Evaluation in Court

Lawrence Jay Braunstein, JD

May 12, 2021 | 1:00-2:00pm Eastern Time US/Canada

[Register now!](#)

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Join in the 20th Anniversary Virtual Celebration of the

Center for Families, Children and the Courts!

The [Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts](#) (CFCC), part of the University of Baltimore School of Law, invites all AFCC members to attend its 20th Anniversary Virtual Celebration. The event will feature an interview with Barbara Babb, founder and director of the CFCC and editor of *Family Court Review*, and includes commentary from several colleagues, including AFCC Executive Director Peter Salem. The celebration will take place online on Thursday, April 8, 2021, 5:30pm-7:00pm Eastern Time US/Canada. [Register now!](#)

Chapter News

Sidney Buckman, AFCC member from Flagstaff, Arizona, is the new president of the Arizona chapter of AFCC. Sid received a Master's degree in psychology from Northern Arizona University and opened a counseling practice in Flagstaff. In 1991, Sid contracted with the Coconino County Superior Court to be a counselor and custody evaluator for the Conciliation Court. In 2007, he was hired to be the Conciliation Court Coordinator. As Coordinator, he manages two mediation programs and performs mediations and custody evaluations. Sid has been a proud member of AFCC since the mid-1990s. He met his wife Carol, who had an eight-year-old daughter at the time, in 1990. Carol and Sid have been happily married since 1992. They have two wonderful grandchildren ages six and nine, who also live in Flagstaff. Congratulations, Sid!



Member News

Bill Eddy, AFCC member from San Diego, California, is the 2021 recipient of the SCMA Star Award for excellence and innovation in family mediation from the Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA). Bill has devoted most of his career to dispute resolution and the study of High Conflict Personalities in legal disputes and interpersonal relationships. Through his work as co-founder and Chief Innovation Officer of the High Conflict Institute, he has trained lawyers, mediators, judges, mental health professionals and others on managing high-conflict personalities in over 30 states and ten countries. He has written twenty books and manuals, including the new co-authored book *BIFF for CoParent Communication: Your Guide to Difficult CoParent Texts, Emails and Social Media Posts*. Congratulations, Bill!



Do you have a notable achievement to share? Email [Gina Wentling](#) with your story and a professional head shot (JPEG or PNG preferred), if you have one, to be featured in next month's Member News!

AFCC eNEWS

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