



# NEWSLETTER

## Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

An international association of judges, counselors, court evaluators, mediators, and lawyers

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### AFCC RETURNS TO FLORIDA IN DECEMBER, 1986

AFCC'S midwinter conference, December 4-6, 1986, will mark our fourth trip to Florida. Past conferences have provided sunny skies and warm hospitality in addition to a full program - and this year will be no exception. Preliminary conference registration forms have already been mailed.

Program highlights include a public forum (Thursday evening, December 4) on "Shared Parental Responsibility: How it Works, its Strengths & Weaknesses". Presenters will include Dr. Deborah Luepnitz, clinical psychologist and researcher at the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic and author of Child Custody: A Study of Families After Divorce; Dr. Sandra Volgy, clinical psychologist at the Southeast Family Institute, Tallahassee; Judge Hugh Starnes, Family Division, Ft. Meyers and attorney Renee Goldenberg, Ft. Lauderdale. Dr. William Neville, Past President of the Family Mediation Association and Dr. Craig Everett, Immediate Past President of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy will conduct a demonstration and present an "Anatomy of Dispute Resolution in Divorce: The Practice and Teaching of Mediation", a multi-level, live clinical event (you have to see it to believe it). This will be followed by workshops on such topics as judicial preferences for mediation vs. litigation, management of a court-connected service, mandatory mediation, the role of grandparents in mediation, the use of rituals in the divorce process, training and education for mediators, mediating child support and parental pre- and post-divorce dialogue.

A special luncheon forum for judges is scheduled for Thursday noon (December 4) on the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act and the Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act with Florida judges Mel Frumkes and Marsha Elser.

A special pre-conference workshop with William Neville will be held Thursday, December 4 from 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. on "Issues and Intervention Techniques in

Mediation". Pre-registration is \$25.00.

In addition to the usual Florida amenities of pool, ocean, golf, and sunshine, conference participants are invited to sign up for a Friday evening cruise on the inter-coastal waterway on the Paddle Wheel Queen.

Conference registration is \$100.00 prior to November 1 and \$125.00 after November 1. Hotel reservations may be made directly with the Marriott Hotel, Ft. Lauderdale, (800) 228-9290, \$70.00 single, \$75.00 double occupancy.

Eastern Airlines will be handling all travel arrangements, even for registrants who do not live in a city served by Eastern. Registrants are encouraged to call toll free (800) 468-7022 (in Florida (800) 282-0244) to make a reservation and receive 40% off normal coach fare. Actual ticket purchases may be arranged through your local travel agent. Refer to Eastern's easy access number EZ12P18. For more information, contact:

Ailene Hubert, Director  
Family Mediation & Conciliation  
Program  
507 S. E. 6th. Street, 2nd.  
Floor  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301  
(305) 765-4012

### CANADA HOLDS FIRST CONFERENCE ON MEDIATION

Canada's first national conference on Family Mediation will be held November 6-8, 1986 at L'Hotel in Toronto. The conference is co-sponsored by Family Mediation Canada and the Ontario Association for Family Mediation. This will be the first opportunity for mediators, judges, mental health professionals, lawyers & legislators from across Canada to come together to learn new skills and innovative approaches, debate issues and hear about new research and current/future legislation regarding mediation. John Haynes, the keynote presenter, will speak on "New Directions

FT. LAUDERDALE CONFERENCE TIMETABLE	
Monday, Dec. 1, 1986, 2 p.m.	•Executive Committee
Tuesday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m.	•Executive Committee
Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1986, 1 p.m.	•Board Meeting
Thursday, Dec. 4, 1986, all day	•Committee meetings
Thursday, Dec. 4, 1985, Noon	•Judicial Luncheon
Thursday, Dec. 4, 1986, 1:30 p.m.	•Pre-Conference Workshop
Thursday, Dec. 4, 1986, 6 p.m.	Public Forum & Reception
Friday Dec. 5, 1986, 9 a.m.	•Conference Sessions
Friday, Dec 5, 1986, evening	•Paddle Wheel Queen Excursion
Saturday, Dec. 6, 1986, 9 a.m. - Noon	•Conference Sessions



in Family Mediation". Other presenters include Joan Kelly, Hugh McIsaac, Susan Wildau, Mary Duryee, Jocelyn Gifford, Howard Irving, Judy Ryan and Molly Knowles. Michael Ozerkevich, Deputy Minister of Alberta Social Services, Maria Lyn Hares de Sousa, Family Law Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Ontario and Associate Chief Justice A. C. Hamilton of Queens Bench, Family Division, Manitoba will also be participating. Registration information is available from Paul Young, 89 Wyndham Street North #202, Guelph, Ontario Canada N1H 4E9 (519) 836-2511.

## FAMILY FORUM

Do you have something you want to say about policy, procedures or politics? The **Family Forum** column will provide space for those wishing to share their views on timely issues related to the family, counseling, judicial, mediation and legal practices. Submit your signed views, 200 words or less, to Newsletter Editor Ann Milne, 314 E. Mifflin Street, Madison, WI 53703

## AFCC & ABA SPONSOR SESSION ON SEXUAL ABUSE

AFCC will be participating with the American Bar Association in a National Child Advocacy Conference November 13-15, 1986 at the Westin Hotel in downtown Chicago. The conference will be devoted to improving representation of children and promoting reform in the legal and judicial systems. AFCC's joint research project with the ABA on sexual abuse allegations in divorce cases will be a featured presentation. For more information contact Sally Inada, ABA, 1800 M Street, NW, Suite 200-South, Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 331-2256.

## BY-LAW AMENDMENT PROPOSED

During the December meetings in Ft. Lauderdale, the executive committee will be recommending to the Board of Directors that they amend the by-laws to add another Vice-President position. The committee further recommends that the Vice-Presidents not be designated as first, second or third positions in order to maintain the interdisciplinary nature of the Association. Nominations and election to the new position will be held if the proposed by-law amendment is approved.

## AAMFT NAMES DISTINGUISHED AFFILIATES

AFCC Members Jay Folberg (OR) and Joseph Steinberg (CT) were among the twenty-one individuals from the U. S. and Canada re-appointed as Distinguished Affiliates of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Distinguished Affiliate denotes persons of high standing in a field related to marital and family therapy.

## COURT NEWS

### AZ Association of Family & Conciliation Courts --

"Sex, Money & Power: Utilizing Divorce as an Instrument of Growth" served as the theme of the AZ AFCC chapter conference convened by President Judge Irwin Cantor in Flagstaff on September 19, 1986. The morning session focused on problem resolution with the family experiencing significant emotional problems. Afternoon sessions presented information on new approaches to helping families during and after divorce. Clarence Cramer, Director, Pinal County Conciliation Court, was elected Chapter President.

### Dane County/Madison, WI --

Effective July 1, 1986 a Dane County Ordinance established that all referrals to Family Court Counseling Service will be charged a flat fee for evaluation and mediation services. The party bringing the motion for a custody or visitation evaluation or requesting mediation shall be responsible for paying the full fee (\$200 - custody study/custody mediation; \$100 - visitation study or mediation; \$100 - joint custody counseling; \$100 - study or mediation regarding permission to leave the state). The court may subsequently require the non-filing party to pay a portion of the fee. All or part of the fee may be waived upon a determination of indigency.

### King County/Seattle, WA --

Stephen Gaddis, former court commissioner, was appointed to the Superior Court of King County by Governor Gardner in September. Judge Gaddis will run for election to the bench in November.

Judge Nancy Ann Holman participated in a program on constitutional law sponsored by the National College of the State Judiciary. She notes she has used up all of her vacation time but hopes to join us in Honolulu and continue on to China.

### Las Vegas, NV --

In October 1985 the Child Custody Division, directed by Ruth Pearson Urban, revised its program to include the mediation of custody and visitation disputes. The staff received mediation training from Clarence Cramer (Florence, AZ) and Russ Schoeneman (Phoenix, AZ) and are now titled Child Custody Specialists. Although evaluation services are still provided they are termed "full studies" and "screening conferences" depending on the extent of intervention. Ms. Urban reports that mediation has

been well received by the bench, bar and community and that recent statistics show a settlement rate over 60%. Terrance Marren was selected as a full time Domestic Relations Referee in January 1986 and hears pre- and post-divorce motions for the 15 District Court Judges. It is anticipated that he will be conducting trials when the new court rules are adopted. Child Custody Specialists are assigned to the Referee on a rotating weekly basis to attend hearings and to be available for consultation. Although time consuming, it is felt that the program has been very cost effective.

### Maricopa County (Phoenix, AZ) --

Judge Edward C. Voss has replaced Judge Sylvan Brown as Presiding Domestic Relations Judge. Judge Brown will be returning to the civil division. Judge Voss will supervise the seven domestic relations judges and the Department of Conciliation Services. Judge Voss has been on the bench for approximately four years and previously served as a domestic relations commissioner.

Patricia Moore Dixon, formerly with the Conciliation Court in Salem, OR is now working as a conciliator with the Maricopa County Conciliation Court. Ms. Dixon was elected to AFCC's Board of Directors in May 1986.

### Pima County (Tucson, AZ) --

Linda Q. Kerr, acting director of the Pima County Conciliation Court, assumed the position of Director on August 1, 1986. Ms. Kerr has a Master's Degree in marriage and family therapy and has been employed as a marriage and family counselor with the Conciliation Court for the past four years. She is Vice-President of the Tucson Association for Child Care and is active in the Arizona Association of Marriage & Family Therapy. The Conciliation Court began providing mandatory mediation for custody and visitation disputes May 1, 1986.

### Waupaca County (WI) --

Family Court Judge Philip Kirk has made this one of the first rural counties in the state to provide mandatory mediation of custody and visitation disputes. Dale Vimig, Social Worker/Mediator with the Waupaca County Department of Social Services, reports that mediation has saved the county thousands of dollars by reducing the number of custody studies and Guardian ad Litem fees.

# 'EXPANDING HORIZONS': THEME OF AFM CONFERENCE

The third annual conference of the Academy of Family Mediators was held July 16-19, 1986 in St. Paul, MN. Over 140 individuals, including many AFCC members, heard Professor Kenneth Kressel, author of The Process of Divorce and Dr. Joan Kelly, principal investigator of the Divorce & Mediation Research Project of the Northern California Mediation Center, discuss their findings and views on divorce mediation. Approximately 40 papers, panels & workshops were presented on such issues as protecting the interests of children in mediation, screening mediation

clients, confidentiality, marketing, supervision, mediation in sexual abuse and family violence cases and power balancing. AFCC's Mediation Committee sponsored an open forum for conference participants to discuss issues related to the training and education of mediators. The liaison between AFCC and other organizations was encouraged by AFCC's Board of Directors at the last annual meeting in Boston.

A half day institute to provide training in mediation consultation (supervision) was conducted by Florence Kaslow, Ph.D.,

and Carl Schneider, Ph.D. Academy membership standards now include academic equivalency provisions. Incoming President, Lois Gold, conducted the first membership meeting and encouraged members "to be, as we believe, as mediators." The Academy's next conference will be held July 8-11, 1987 in New York City. A call for papers will be mailed shortly and should be returned by November 15, 1986 to Emily Brown, 1925 N. Lynn Street, Suite 810, Arlington, VA 22209 (703) 528-3900.

## MEMBER PROFILES

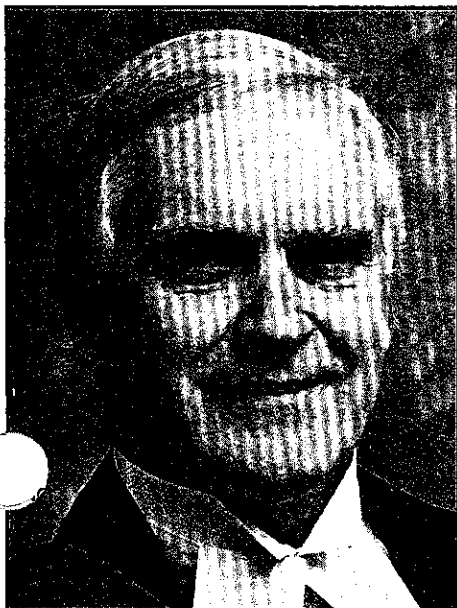


Lois Gold

When one says "Good as Gold" they probably don't realize they could be referring to Lois Gold. Lois Gold was elected President of the Academy of Family Mediators July 1, 1986. A Board Member of AFCC for the past three years and a founding member of the Academy, Lois has made significant contributions to the field of mediation. She began the first divorce mediation service in Oregon in 1979 and is the Director of the Family Mediation Center in Portland. Prior to establishing a private practice, Lois was employed at the Multnomah County Family Court Services for nine years. She has been an active member of AFCC's Mediation Committee, has assisted with the development of Model Standards of Practice and served as co-chair with Tom Bishop on the Academy's Standards & Practice Committee.

Her writings have been published in the Arbitration Journal, the Conciliation Courts Review and the Mediation

Quarterly. In addition to her mediation and counseling practice, she conducts training workshops in mediation and related issues and is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Portland State School of Social Work. She is a longstanding member of Virginia Satir's AVANTA training network. Lois indicates that she appreciates the opportunity to further the ideals of cooperative dispute resolution and particularly likes serving as a liaison to help organizations in this field work together. To touch on the personal side, Lois is an avid runner (which counteracts her passion for chocolate). She enjoys traveling and photography and spending time with her eleven year old daughter, Elana. The family dispute resolution field is fortunate to have people like Lois serving in leadership positions. AFCC thanks you for your contributions and wishes you a "golden" year as President of the Academy of Family Mediators.



### A.C. Hamilton

Associate Chief Justice A. C. Hamilton's interest in family law was probably influenced by his father who served as a juvenile court judge for over twenty years. Chief Justice Hamilton has served as Associate Chief Justice of The Court of The Queen's Bench (Family Division) in Manitoba, Canada, since its inception in October, 1983. Justice Hamilton began his career in law as defense counsel in criminal and civil litigation. He has served as a judge for the past fifteen years. He speaks proudly of the Family Conciliation Department, composed of nine full time social workers, which provides mediation services for custody and visitation disputes in addition to evaluations. Cases which do not settle in mediation are then referred to a judge for a mandatory pre-trial settlement conference before being scheduled for trial.

According to Justice Hamilton, the results speak for themselves as the backlog of cases has been nearly eliminated and the number of formal trials have been significantly reduced.

In addition to his judicial and administrative responsibilities, Justice Hamilton serves on the Board of Family Mediation Canada and assisted in the initiation of Mediation Manitoba. He has been married for 35 years and has three sons and a daughter who practices law. In his spare time he enjoys golfing, skiing and sailing. The December 1986 issue of the Conciliation Courts Review will include an article by Justice Hamilton on the use of the pre-trial settlement conference. AFCC is fortunate to have Justice Hamilton, a distinguished jurist, serve on our Board of Directors.

## LET US HEAR FROM YOU

We receive untold requests for information about AFCC, the type of service offered by its members, the location of services available to the public, and much more. Please take a few moments to complete the following form, and mail it to our office. The information is also needed used to update our records. Thanks for your help.

1. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ 2. TITLE \_\_\_\_\_
3. EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
4. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION:  Attorney  Judge  Psychiatrist  
 Marriage/Family Therapist  Social Worker  Psychologist  Other \_\_\_\_\_
5. DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A MEDIATOR?  Yes  No
6. DO YOU PROVIDE SERVICES:  As a private practitioner  
 In a community based social service agency  
 In a court-connected mediation and conciliation agency  Other \_\_\_\_\_
7. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES DO YOU PROVIDE? (LIST AS MANY AS APPLICABLE).  
 Custody/visitation evaluations  Divorce mediation (custody/visitation)  
 Divorce mediation (including financial/property).  Family Mediation  
 Marriage/Family Therapy  Legal
8. DOES YOUR STATE PROVIDE FOR COURT CONNECTED MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICES?  
 Yes  No  Don't Know
9. IF YES TO #8, WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED?  Custody/visitation evaluations  
 Divorce mediation (custody/visitation)  Divorce mediation (including financial/property)  
 Family mediation  Marriage/family therapy  Legal  Other \_\_\_\_\_
10. IF YES TO #8, ARE THE SERVICES MANDATED?  Yes  No  Don't Know
11. IF YES TO #10, WHAT SERVICES ARE MANDATED?  Custody/visitation evaluations  
 Divorce mediation (custody/visitation)  Divorce mediation (including financial/property)  
 Family mediation  Marriage/family therapy  Legal  Other \_\_\_\_\_
12. HOW ARE THE SERVICES YOU PROVIDE FUNDED?  Divorce filing fees  Fees for service  
 Marriage license fees  State/county/local general fund  Other
13. HAVE YOU ATTENDED ANY AFCC CONFERENCE IN THE LAST 3 YEARS?  Yes  No
14. IF YES TO # 13, HOW MANY  1  2-3  4-6
15. WOULD YOU ATTEND A REGIONAL AFCC SPONSORED CONFERENCE?  Yes  No
16. COULD YOU PLEASE ADVISE US AS TO WHAT AREAS AFCC SHOULD EMPHASIZE DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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PLEASE MAIL TO:

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
c/o OHSU Dept. of Psychiatry, Gaines Hall, Rm. 149  
3181 SW Sam Jackson Road, Portland, OR 97201



## Association of Family and Conciliation Courts • Publication Order Form

### FILMS/VIDEO TAPES

Custody Resolution Counseling: Designed for training counselors in mediation techniques for family disputes concerning custody and visitation. Color, 45 minutes. Rental-\$40/5 days; Purchase-\$130.

A Family Affair: Designed to inform judges and other professionals of the legal remedies and implications regarding child abuse. This film is a gold medal winner. New York International Film and Television Festival (1982), First Prize winner, American Film Festival (1982) in its category. Gold Medal, National Council Family Relations (1983). Available in 16 mm or video cassette through VISUCOM Productions, Inc., 1255 Veterans Blvd., Redwood City, CA 94063. Rental-\$60/3 days; Purchase-\$450.

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. Video Cassette: Rental-\$40/5 days; Purchase-\$100.

### PUBLICATIONS

Guidelines for Court-Connected Child Custody Evaluations; A procedural guide for custody evaluators. Developed by AFCC Committee on Custody Evaluation, this booklet provides a much needed practical format that can be used easily by evaluators charged with the responsibility of preparing custody evaluation reports for use by domestic relations courts. (\$3.00).

Joint Custody and Shared Parenting: Edited by Jay Folberg, Past President AFCC and Professor of Law at Lewis and Clark College, this book provides the reader with a compilation of writings that cut across the disciplines of law, social work, family therapy, and psychology. It presents a balanced debate on a sometimes volatile and difficult issue. The book's interdisciplinary approach enables judges, social workers and family therapists to benefit from its material. Royalty proceeds have been donated to AFCC by Jay Folberg. This book ordinarily is \$27.50. AFCC has a limited number available for purchase @ a 10% discount (\$24.75).

Guidelines for Establishing a Court Connected Counseling Service: A manual written for courts and individuals with helpful information regarding how to establish a court connected counseling service. \$2.00.

My Mom and Dad Are Getting a Divorce: Written by Florence Bienenfeld, an AFCC member and conciliation court counselor in Los Angeles, this colorfully illustrated book appeals to children whose parents are going through divorce and assists parents in understanding their children's feelings. Available for \$3.95 plus \$1.25 postage and handling from Changing Times Education Service, Division of EMC Publishing, 300 York Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55101, (800)328-1452.

Divorce and Family Mediation: History, Review, Future Considerations: A monograph, published in the December, 1982 issue Conciliation Courts Review. This 45 page article presents a well researched history of the development of mediation in the field of divorce. \$2.00 each. Orders of ten or more, \$1.50 each.

Divorce Mediation Final Report: The findings of this AFCC sponsored project is now available in a bound volume. The project was under the direction of Dr. Jessica Pearson. The findings are presented in eleven extensive reports and is an important contribution to the field. Copies are available for \$25.00 by contacting Dr. Jessica Pearson, 1720 Emerson Street, Denver, CO 80218; (303) 837-1555.

**PAMPHLETS**

**Parents Are Forever:** Internationally acclaimed pamphlet used by Conciliation Court staff, family courts, lawyers, counselors and mediators to assist families in the divorce process. Pamphlet addresses custody and visitation issues and assists parents in using the divorce experience as an opportunity for growth.

**An Important Message to Step Parents:** This pamphlet provides guidelines that will assist the blended family in working together.

**Joint Custody: A New Way of Being Related:** This brochure provides 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 brochure answers 20 of the most commonly asked questions about how to help children adjust to divorce, such as "How can parents prepare children for divorce?" and "What kinds of things are especially damaging to children?"

**Is Mediation for Us:** This brochure has been developed to provide basic information about the use of mediation in resolving family conflict. Presented in a clear and concise manner, this pamphlet describes the mediation process to the potential consumer.

**THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL IS AVAILABLE DIRECTLY THROUGH AFCC**

	<u>Cost @</u>	<u>Total Number</u>	<u>Price</u>
<b><u>VIDEO TAPES</u></b>			
Custody Resolution Counseling: Rental-\$40/5 days Purchase-\$130		_____	_____
You're Still Mom and Dad: Rental-\$40/5 days Purchase-\$100		_____	_____
<b><u>PUBLICATIONS</u></b>			
Guidelines for Court-Connected Child Custody Evaluations	\$ 3.00	_____	_____
Joint Custody and Shared Parenting/Folberg	24.75	_____	_____
Guidelines for Establishing Court-Connected Conciliation and Mediation Services	2.00	_____	_____
Divorce and Family Mediation: History, Review and Future/Brown	2.00	_____	_____
1984 AFCC Annual Conference Syllabus (Denver)	8.00	_____	_____
1984 AFCC Mid-winter Conference Syllabus (Scottsdale)	8.00	_____	_____
<b><u>PAMPHLETS</u></b>			
"Parents are Forever"	\$ .20	_____	_____
"An Important Message to Step Parents"	.20	_____	_____
"Twenty Questions Divorcing Parents Ask About Their Children"	.20	_____	_____
"Joint Custody: A New Way of Being Related"	.20	_____	_____
"Is Mediation for Us"	.20	_____	_____

(Pamphlet Orders over 1,000 -- \$ .15 each)

**POSTAGE INCLUDED IF ORDERS ARE PREPAID**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Gaines Hall, Room 149  
 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road  
 Portland, OR 97201  
 (503) 220-5651

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 22-23, 1986

Wisconsin Interprofessional  
Committee on Divorce  
"Divorce-Risks of Children in  
Transition"  
Pioneer Inn - Oshkosh, WI  
Contact: Elaine Kloiber  
Winnebago Mental Health Institute  
P. O. Box 9  
Winnebago, WI 54985  
(414) 236-2909

October 23-26, 1986

"The Adventures of Family Therapy"  
American Association of Marriage &  
Family Therapy 44th Annual Conf.  
Marriott World Center Hotel  
Contact: AAMFT Program  
Committee  
1717 K Street, N. W., Suite 407  
Washington, D.C. 20006  
(202) 429-1825

October 25-27, 1986

November 14-16, 1986

Divorce Mediation Basic Training  
(40 Hours) with Isolina Ricci, Ph.D.  
Five Points Inn, Urbana, IL  
Contact: Mediation Task Force of  
Champaign County  
P. O. Box 694  
Urbana, IL 61801  
(217) 344-0077

November 1-2 & 15-16, 1986

Divorce Mediation Basic Training  
Chicago, Illinois  
Contact: Dr. Carl Schneider  
Divorce Mediation Institute  
1875 Dempster Street, Suite 365  
Park Ridge, IL 60068  
(312) 696-6023

November 3-7, 1986

National Council on Family Relations  
Annual Conference  
"Family Politics"  
Hyatt-Regency Dearborn, Michigan  
Contact: Conference Coordinator,  
NCFR  
1910 West County Road B, Suite 147  
St. Paul, MN 55113  
(612) 633-6933

November 6-8, 1986

Ontario Association for Family  
Mediation & Family Mediation  
Canada  
"Family Mediation - the Issue  
for the 80's"  
L'Hotel, Toronto, Canada  
Contact: Paul Young  
89 Wyndham Street North # 202  
Guelph, ONT Canada N1H 4E9  
(519) 836-2511

November 13-15, 1986

National Child Advocacy Conference  
Westin Hotel, Chicago  
Contact: American Bar Association

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1800 M Street, N.W., Suite 200-S  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
(202) 331-2256

December 4-6, 1986

AFCC Midwinter Meeting  
Marriott Hotel  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida  
Contact: Ailene Hubert  
Family Mediation and Conciliation  
Program  
507 SE 6th Street, 2nd Floor  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301  
(305) 765-4012

March 25-29, 1987

American Orthopsychiatric Assoc.  
"Toward Empowerment of Families:  
Strategies for Change"  
Washington, D.C. Hilton  
Contact: ORTHO  
19 W. 44th Street, Suite 1616  
New York, NY 10036  
(212) 354-5770

May 11-15, 1987

International Congress of Family  
Therapy  
"The Patterns Which Connect"  
Prague, Czechoslovakia  
Contact: Czechoslovak Medical  
Society - 1CFT1987  
Vit. Unora 31, P. O. Box 88  
120 26 Praha 2, Czechoslovakia

May 19-22, 1987

AFCC Annual Conference  
Ala Moana American Hotel  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
Contact: Gwen Heliker, Gen.  
Manager  
Paradise Planners  
P. O. Box 8535  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96830  
(808) 922-0844

December 3-5, 1987

AFCC Midwinter Meeting  
Desert Inn Hotel & Country Club  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
Contact: Ruth Pearson-Urban  
Child Custody Division  
8th Judicial District Court  
225 E. Bridger, Suite 1000  
Las Vegas, NV 89155  
(702) 386-4185

May 26-28, 1988

AFCC's 25th Anniversary Conference  
"The Best of AFCC"  
Long Beach Hyatt Regency  
Contact: Hugh Mclsaac  
Conciliation Court, Room 241  
111 N. Hill Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(213) 974-5524

*Announcements of upcoming events of  
interest to AFCC members should be sent  
to Newsletter Editor Ann L. Milne, 314 E.  
Mifflin Street, Madison, WI 53703 (608)  
251-0604.*

## STATE-WIDE COORDINATOR APPOINTED IN CALIFORNIA

Isolina Ricci, who serves on AFCC's  
Board of Directors, has been selected  
from over 1200 applicants to be state-  
wide coordinator for the Family Mediation  
Evaluation and Conciliation Services in  
California. The coordinator position was  
established when the California  
legislature passed AB 2445 in 1984. This  
bill annually raises over \$600,000. The  
funds are earmarked for coordinating  
court-connected services, training,  
development of a uniform state-wide  
statistical reporting system and research.

AB 2445 was sponsored by the California  
chapter of AFCC. The legislative  
committee that proposed the bill was  
chaired by Hugh Mclsaac. Other AFCC  
members who served on the committee  
were Jeanne Ames, Justice Don King,  
Judge Len Edwards, Wallace Beasley,  
Warren Weiss, Murray Bloom and Marge  
Sparling. For those of you interested in  
sponsoring similar legislation in your  
jurisdiction, please contact Hugh  
Mclsaac, Conciliation Court, Rm. 241,  
111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA  
90012.

## DO YOU HAVE YOUR PASSPORT?

Beijing! Shanghai! Hong Kong! Xian and  
more! Leonore Levit reports that she is  
very busy working on plans for the May  
1987 trip to China. She is continuing to  
negotiate itinerary and travel costs with  
various travel companies and promises a  
trip that will offer an insider's look at  
China. In order to accommodate all those  
who have expressed interest in the trip, it  
is important that you contact Dr. Levit and  
let her know of your interest.



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## WONDERING HOW TO GET TO HONOLULU?

The Executive Committee approved a one  
day seminar/orientation tour of the Los  
Angeles Conciliation Court system to be  
held on the Monday, Tuesday &  
Wednesday previous to the Honolulu  
Conference. Conference dates are May  
19-22, 1987. It is anticipated that this stop-  
over will aid members needing assistance  
with funding and administrative policies  
regarding off-continent travel. For more  
information contact Hugh Mclsaac,  
Conciliation Court, Rm. 241, 111 N. Hill  
Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 974-  
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## ARE YOU LOOKING TO GENERATE SUPPORT FOR YOUR LOCAL FAMILY COURT SERVICES?

One sure fire way to increase local interest in your family court and affiliated services and to put your community on the map is to host an AFCC conference. AFCC invites you to consider hosting an annual or midwinter conference in your area. Conference dates are available beginning in December, 1988 and now is a good time to start planning. The AFCC Conference Committee and co-chairs Jeanne Ames and Russell Schoeneman are available to assist you in assessing the feasibility of a conference and can help you in planning the program, and working on marketing, budget and site details. Hosting an AFCC Conference increases local awareness of family court services and provides a forum for the exchange of ideas on a national level. A Conference Planning Manual is available

to give you step-by-step information and experienced Conference Committee members can assist you in planning a successful meeting. Jeanne & Russ will be available during the Ft. Lauderdale conference to discuss your ideas. Contact them to let them know of your interest.

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## MEDIATION BIBLIOGRAPHY

An extensive bibliography with over 300 listings on alternative means of family dispute resolution is available from the Academy of Family Mediators. Edited by Bruce Mitchell and the Texas Task Force on Family Mediation, the bibliography is available for \$3.00, including postage. Remit to Nancy Thode, Executive Director, P. O. Box 4686, Greenwich, CT 06830 (203) 629-8049.

## COMMITTEE WORK

Over 150 AFCC members responded to our questionnaire eliciting participation on our committees. This was a most positive response. Hugh McIsaac, coordinator of committees, has processed the requests and they have been forwarded to Don Moir, president, for approval according to AFCC policy. You will be hearing about your committee assignment shortly. Thanks for your response.

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