

# **NEWSLETTER**

# Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

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

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# CHILD CUSTODY EVALUATIONS A COMPLEMENT TO THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS

Judges have often looked to mental health professionals for help in determining placement of children in contested custody cases. Court connected services have been an important part of the judicial/legal divorce process. Advances in the behavioral sciences and research studies on the effects of divorce and custody arrangements have influenced a number of these services to shift their focus from child custody investigations to child custody evaluations.

Child Custody Evaluation Comof AFCC was created in 1983 welop guidelines for conducting child custody evaluations for the court and to promote professional development in this area through workshops and seminars at AFCC conferences. The handbook, Guidelines for Court Connected Child Custody Evaluations, is now available through the Executive Director's Office for \$3.00. The handbook, prepared by AFCC members Phillip Bushard, Jocelyn Gifford, Kathleen Jeffords, Beverly Morgan-Sandoz, Karen Raiford and Ellen Rudd Scott, provides guidelines for when an evaluation can be helpful, defines the role of the evaluator and suggests basic steps to be followed by the evaluator. The expansion of court services to include mediation to help spouses work out divorce related conflicts highlights the importance of professional evaluation services as it is often the highly conflictual and unresolvable cases that call for an evaluation.

#### When to Use an Evaluation\*

n parties are unable to reach an ement in mediation.

 when one or both parents' behaviors may be harmful to the child.

- when either parent has expressed concerns about the other parent's social environment.
- when the non-custodial parent may be better able to provide for the child.
- when one or both parents have serious problems with alcohol or other drug abuse.
- when visitation arrangements do not meet the needs of the child.
- · when excessive hostility exists

between the parents.

- when there are problems which are difficult to address in adversarial proceedings.
- when parents are unable to agree on how to handle a child's physical, emotional or social problems.
- \*From Guidelines for Court Connected Child Custody Evaluations. The enclosed order form may be used when ordering copies.

### Florida Conference Brings out the Floridians

AFCC's December conference attracted a high proportion of Florida participants. Over 40 percent of the registrants at the conference were from Florida confirming the recent AFCC survey in which 97% of respondants indicated they would attend a regional conference. According to Ailene Hubert, conference chairperson, the conference provided an opportunity for Florida court personnel to exchange ideas with others from out of state. Sessions on mediating child support, management of court services, the judges' luncheon featuring a presentation on parental

kidnapping, and the Saturday morning panel on mediation in other fields of practice were highlights of the conference. Although the Florida sunshine took a vacation and went elsewhere, it did not dampen the spirits of those who took the dinner cruise on the Inland Waterway. It was a festive trip and a great way to welcome the holidays. Many thanks to Ailene Hubert, Judge Frank Orlando, Craig Everett and the staff and friends of the Broward County Mediation Unit for their work in organizing this conference.

#### China Trip Moved to May '88

An offer from the People's Republic of China, Ministry of Justice to host the AFCC delegation has prompted tour planners to move the trip to May 1988 following the Los Angeles Conference. John Kydd, Seattle, visited China last year and made several contacts with Chinese officials who became interested in working with AFCC and arranging opportunities to meet

with Chinese colleagues in the fields of law and mediation. Leonore Levit, trip coordinator, assures us that the original tour itinerary will be continued and that the involvement of the Chinese Ministries of Justice and Tourism will add an exciting insider's dimension to the trip. (Not to mention the added time to save your pennies!)

## ALOHA SPIRIT BECKONS AFCC

The Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu will serve as headquarters for AFCC's annual meeting "Family and Conciliation Courts - Ali Things to Ali People?" May 19 - 22, 1987. The conference hotel rate of \$56/night plus tax (single or double) and the exciting allure of Hawaii will encourage many AFCC members and their families to attend. Ramsey Clark, former US Attorney General will be the keynote speaker. The conference program will feature critical issues facing Family and Conciliation Courts today including child custody evaluation criteria, sex abuse allegations in divorce matters, ethical issues in the legal process, the child witness, child support enforcement and new directions in mediation. A special judges' forum will focus on current issues.

HAWAIIAN ADVENTURES, INC. is handling all registration, hotel and travel arrangements for the Hawaii conference. Contact Gwen Heliker, 1833 Kalakaua Avenue, Suite 500, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815 (808) 947-1454. Registration of \$175 must be mailed by April 1.

A Pre-conference Seminar will be held Friday, May 15, 1987 at the Los Angeles Conciliation Court for those participants wishing a stop-over before continuing on to Hawaii. Registration for the day long Seminar is \$50 and must be received by May 8th. Further information may be obtained from Ronald Hulbert, Los Angeles Conciliation Court, Room 241, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 974-5524.

Conterence Schedule	
Friday, May 15, 1987	Los Angeles Pre-conference Seminar 9am-4pm
Monday, May 18, 1987	AFCC Executive Board meeting 8am-4pm Conference Planning Committee 1-4pm
	Mediation Committee 1-4pm Other meetings to be scheduled
Tuesday, May 19, 1987	AFCC Board of Directors meeting 8am-4pm Registration 1-6pm
	Conterence Opening 6-7:00 pm Reception 7-8pm
Wednesday, May 20, 1987	Sessions 8am-1pm Judicial Forum 1-2/30pm
Thursday, May 21, 1987	Optional Evening Seminar 7-9pm Sessions 8am-4pm
Friday, May 22, 1987	Reception and Award Banquet 6-9pm Sessions 8am-1pm

#### Cohen and McIsaac to Edit Review

Applications for Review Editor were received by a committee chaired by Professor Jay Folberg. Six applications were received. The committee selected two finalists; Dr. Stanley Cohen, Oregon Health Sciences University and AFCC Executive Director and Hugh McIsaac, Director of the Los Angeles Superior Court Family Court Services. With such a pleasant dilemma, the Board sought the services of both finalists. Cohen and McIsac will serve as co-

editors of the Review. They will develop statements on editorial policy and division of responsibilities which will be presented to the Board at the next meeting. The co-Editors intend to expand the Review Board. Any member interested in being considered for the Board of Editors should send a vita to Dr. Cohen c/o Oregon Health Sciences University, Department of Psychiatry, Gaines Hall, Room 149, 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd., Portland OR 97201.

### Executive and Board Meeting Highlights

The Executive Officers met the afternoon and evening of 12-2-86 and the morning of 12-3-86. The Executive Board discussed the composition and function of AFCC's committees. It was agreed that the chair of each committee shall provide a written report to the Board and that committee meetings shall be scheduled in advance and noticed in the conference brochure and Newsletter. A 10% increase in membership revenue was approved subject to the Board's approval. It was recommended that the Executive Director's secretarial position be increased to full time and that there be no increase in salary for the Director. The purchase of a computer from working capital funds was also approved. President Donald Moir requested that the Treasurer revise the financial reporting procedures so that the year-end report will be available to the Executive Committee at the time of the first quarterly report and that a mid-year summary be provided the Board at the May meeting. The relationship between the Technical Assistance and Development Committees was discussed at length. The Executive Director will coordinate responses to requests for technical assistance. Dr. Cohen announced that he will be resigning as Executive Director as of May 1988. Transition plans and search procedures were discussed. Murray Bloom reported that Australia has presented a letter of intent to form an AFCC chapter. He recommended that affiliate status be granted. Efforts to assist with the development of chapters in Kansas, Florida, Michigan, Virginia and the United Kingdom were discussed. Judge Lawrence Kaplan, Second Vice President, discussed his plans to recruit new members and retain existing members.

The Board of Directors met the afternoon and evening of 12-3-86 and at breakfast 12-5-86. A balanced budget of \$118,000 was approved by the Board. This includes a 10% increase in dues revenue. The Board approved the creation of an additional vice presidential position to enhance the interdisciplinary representation of the Board. Thomas Bishop was elected to the position. The Board approved an advance of \$400 for trans-

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## Highlights, cont'd.

n services to help with plans for ကျောင်post-conference trip to China. Stan Cohen and Hugh McIsaac agreed to serve as co-editors of the Review and will develop a statement of editorial philosophy and division of responsibilities. Conference registration fees for non-members will be increased by one-half the individual membership rate. Chicago will host the May 1989 conference and Winnipeg the May 1990 conference. The Board approved the concept of regional meetings and requested that the conference committee develop a set of guidelines for approving and

holding regional meetings. The Board directed that regional meetings shall be interdisciplinary in nature, supervised by the conference committee and the sponsor shall be an AFCC member. The conference committeee will continue to seek sights for the mid-winter meetings. Judge Edward Rosenberg reported that the Awards Committee suggests four award categories including a Meyer Elkin Award to the contributor of a notable article for the Review. The Public Policy Committee received approval to consider requests for support of family related policies and procedures that will not jeopardize

AFCC's private non-profit tax status. The American Bar Association requested AFCC's support of a policy requiring both parents' consents to joint custody. Judge Galvin will communicate AFCC's willingness to evaluate this policy and our inability to respond before the ABA meeting in Feb. 1987. Australia was approved as an affiliate chapter. The Board agreed not to increase the price of pamphlets. William Donahue will continue to refine a statement of AFCC's mission and objectives and will report further on this at the next meeting. The Board recessed to May 1987.

### Judicial Liability and Legal Defense Insurance Now Available

Complete Equity Markets, Inc.,
AFCC's mediation malpractice insurance carrier, is now offering judicial liability and legal defense insurance.
While a majority of the 4,000 complaints against judges filed every year dismissed, the costs associated these complaints can be burdenteen. These costs are often born by the individual judge, forcing many to

go without legal counsel or to impose on friends to donate legal services. Several types of coverage are now available to provide protection for judges against actual legal expenses and damages incurred as a result of a managerial or professional act, defense before a governmental judicial disciplinary board or claims filed under the Civil Rights Attorney's

Fees Awards Act. Premiums range from a minimum of \$300 to a maximum \$665 depending on the combination of coverages. Currently, coverage is available only in the United States. For more information contact Gracine Huffnagel, Complete Equity Markets, Inc., 1098 South Milwaukee Ave., Suite 200, Wheeling, IL 60090 (800) 323-6234.

### **Membership Notes**

Judge Frank Hennessy, (CT), the Association's Treasurer is back to work full time after triple coronary bypass surgery in October. He reports that he is feeling fine, has given up cigarettes and is planning on attending the Honolulu conference.

Ruth Urban-Pearson, Supervisor of the Clark County Child Custody Division (Las Vegas) reports that they are working hard to get ready for the December conference at the Las Vegas Desert Inn. Details will be printed in an upcoming issue of the Newsletter but Ruth promises everyone will go home a winner! Please note Ruth's new address and phone number listed under the December conference announcement in Upming Events.

of The Institute of Judicial Administration, Inc. in New York City in November. IJA was founded in 1952 to study the operation of courts and to improve the administration of justice. The NYU-IJA seminars for judges are held throughout the year. Margaret hopes to make use of her special interest in the alternative dispute resolution field by applying IJA's education, research and reform objectives to family conflicts.

Craig Everett, immediate past
President of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, welcomed 3,000 attendees at
AAMFT's conference in Orlando in
October. Rumor has it that all this
conference planning has caused Dr.
Everett to develop an undifferentiated case of conferencitis (not found in
the DSM IV Manual) curable only by
an extended cruise in the Caribbean.
Not a bad cure for such an ailment.

The Vermont Family Mediation Program, funded through a contract with the Vermont Court Administrator's office, began offering comprehensive divorce mediation services in September. Mediation is provided through contracts with trained family mediators in private practice. Clients are sent a list of mediators and contact the mediator of their choice for an appointment. In addition to mediation, the program offers free parent groups on divorce and a booklet for clients describing court procedure and strategies for successful parenting following separation. Further information may be obtained from the program coordinator, Susan Premo, Vermont Family Mediation Program, P.O. Box 328 Worcester, VT 05682 (802) 223-3408

Ann Milne addressed participants at the South Carolina Youth Worker's Conference in Charleston in December. She spoke on the effects of mediation on children's adjustment to divorce and presented a workshop on mediation.

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### MEMBER PROFILES



Diane Bryner

Conference attendees have had the opportunity to meet Diane Bryner as she has participated in several AFCC conferences. Diane has been a mediator with the Arlington (VĀ)

Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court since 1975. Mediation was introduced into the Arlington court system in 1980. Prior to that time, Diane conducted custody evaluations but now works exclusively in the mediation area. She received her undergraduate degree in social work from George Mason University in 1974 and has pursued graduate courses at Catholic and American University. She has participated in mediation training with both O. J. Coogler and John Haynes. Diane has been a primary mover in the development of the Virginia Court Mediators' Network. As chairperson of the steering committee. Diane has seen the interest in court mediation grow to now include over 100 members of the Network. AFCC past President Tim Salius was a keynote speaker at the Network conference

last fall. The Arlington Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court is unique as it does not have jurisdiction over divorce but rather over issues which arise following a separation or prior to the filing of the divorce action. Parties are referred to mediation by the judge as court policy when parents disagree over custody. Issues of financial support and property division may also be mediated with the consent of the parties and their attorneys. Approximately 98% of litigants are seen in mediation. Cases involving serious neglect, abuse or mental illness are referred for evaluation. Diane's off hours are spent doing needlework, cooking and planning her next trip to Kauai, where she and her husband have a condo on the Princeville golf course. Wonder if she'd mind a "few" people dropping in after the Honolulu conference?



Judge Herbert Walton

Judge Herbert Walton is one of AFCC's loyal members who is still hoping to be able to attend his first conference and meet his colleagues in family law. The inability to participate in conferences, however, has not stopped Judge Walton from promoting the ideals of AFCC and working to organize a Kansas chapter of AFCC. Currently serving as Administrative Judge in Johnson County, Kansas (Olathe, is just south of Kansas City and is Shawnee for beautiful), Judge Walton has been on the bench for 27 years and almost all of that time has been spent in the family law area. He received his law degree from the University of Missouri - Kansas City in 1957 and served as an assistant county attorney for three years before becoming a Probate Judge. He is the author of several books including Pattern Jury Instructions, Civil and Pattern Jury Instructions, Criminal. He is a past President of the Kansas District Judges Association and is the present chair of the Family Law Advisory Committee to the Judicial Council. Judge Walton was instrumental in the approval of Kansas' new Divorce Code and

Mediation Act. He has been very active in child support reform and is the chair of the Kansas Child Support Enforcement Committee. Judge Walton has been married to his wife, Barbara, for 37 years. They have four children. Woodworking and church activities serve as complements to his busy judicial life. Although a Kansas chapter will bring AFCC closer to home for Judge Walton, we do hope he will be able to attend a future conference so others will have the chance to meet him.

# Membership Notes, Cont'd.

Felice Davidson Perlmutter, professor at Temple University's School of Social Administration, has been awarded a Fulbright Senior Lectureship at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She will be completing her fifth book which will focus on social policy and programs.

Zena Zumeta, AFCC member from Michigan, is presenting a two day institute on divorce and family therapy at Ortho's conference in March in Washington, DC. Other friends of AFCC appearing on the conference program include Constance Ahrons,

Dorothy Huntington, Joan Kelly, Judith Wallerstein and Robert Weiss.

The Circuit Court of Prince
George's County (MD) and the
Department of Human Development, University of Maryland
have joined together to offer a custody mediation program for divorcing
parents. This innovative program
combines the resources of court
personnel with the training, research
and evaluation resources of the University. Doctors Elizabeth Koopman
and E. Joan Hunt are the mediation
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#### 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 Relation (1983). Available in 16 mm or video cassette through VISUCOM Productions, Inc., 1255 Veterns 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 Cassett: Rental-\$40/5 days; Purchase-\$100.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

delines for Court-Connected Child Custody Evaluation: A procedural guide for custody evaluators.

loped by AFCC Committee on Custody Evaluation, this booklet provides a much needed practical format that can be deasily 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.

**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 Penver, 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.

Guide For Stepparents: 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

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VIDEO TAPES	Cost @	Number	Price_
Custody Resolution Counseling: Rental – \$40/5 days; Purchase – \$130			
You're Still Mom and Dad: Rental - \$40/5 days; Purchase - \$100			
PUBLICATIONS	•		
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		<u> </u>
1984 AFCC Mid-winter Conference Syllabus (Scottsdale)	8.00		
PAMPHLETS			
"Parents are Forever"	.20		
"Guide for Stepparents"	.20		
"Twenty Questions Divorcing Parents Ask About Their Children"	.20		
"Joint Custody: A New Way of Being Related"	.20		
"Is Mediation for Us"	.20		
POSTAGE IS INCLUDED IF ORDERS ARE PREPAID	Checks payable in U.S. funds to: ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONCILIATION COURTS		
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## Membership Notes, Cont'd.

re directors from the University irginia Miller, court program coordinator, and AFCC members Jack Anders, Laurie Coltri, Meta Lagerwerff and Angela Miotto serve as mediators. Further information may be obtained from Dr. Koopman at the University of Maryland, College of Education, College Park, MD 20742 (301) 454-2036.

Judge Mangum, Coconino Superior Court, Flagstaff, Arizona, has developed an initial information sheet to be distributed to parents to provide information for the judge in understanding the needs of children in contested custody cases. Comments and suggestions are sought. Copies may be obtained from the Arizona Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Ron Lavitt Newsletter Editor, 1130 E. Missouri, #570, Phoenix, AZ 85014.

Florence Kaslow, family therapist and mediator in West Palm Beach, FL led a two day pre-conference workshop at the International Family Therapy Congress in Neve Ilan, outside Jerusalem. She also served as a discussant on a panel on "Divorce Around the World."

Judge Laurence Kaplan,
Pittsburg, was selected by the AFCC
Board to serve on the Advisory Board
on Judicial Education for the Institute

for Court Management, Center for State Courts.

Judge June Rose Galvin, Toledo, Ohio, will serve as AFCC's liason on child support issues to the National Center of State Legislatures.

**Isolina Ricci** was hired to serve as Director of California's

#### Israel Family Mediation Holds Conference

Israel Family Mediation held its first al conference in Tel Aviv in mber. The conference featured uninent judges and representatives of men's and women's organizations. In Jewish law, only the husband can grant the divorce to his wife. A wife may refuse to accept the divorce because she is permitted by law to bargain for better terms. Mediation, or P'shara (compromise), is being looked to as a means of helping spouses resolve the terms of the divorce through mutual agreement. Sylvia Mandelbaum, AFCC's first Israeli member, attended the Vancouver conference and is working with Leonore Levit, chair of the international committee. Ms. Mandelbaum has been instrumental in promoting the use of mediation in Israel and has published a book with Dr. Morris Mandel Marriage - Duet or Duel which describes the use of mediation in marital and divorce disputes. The book is available for \$14.95 from Negotiations International, P.O.B. 378, Safed, Israel.

## I You Miss Us?

End of the year activities and the flu bug created havoc with our schedule. Sorry about the delay. We hope it won't happen again.

### Videotape and Parent Handbook Provide Education About Divorce

The Legal Divorce Experience for Families, a 42 minute videotape developed by Dr. Lynelle Hale and Judge James Knecht, 11th Circuit Court of Illinois, includes a dramatization of selected portions of a custody trail and an introduction to mediation which emphasizes how to develop a cooperative parenting plan. The videotape, user's guide and parent handbook are designed to be used to inform divorcing couples about the legal process and as educational tools for other professionals. The videotape and user's guide may be purchased for \$100 including shipping costs. The parent handbook is priced at \$6,25. Contact Legal Divorce, College of Continuing Education and Public Service, Illinois State University, Normal, IL 61761 (309) 438-8691.

#### Help Name the Newsletter

AFCC has been publishing a
Newsletter for about five years so we
think it's time to give the Newsletter a
name. Help us name the Newsletter
and if your selection is chosen you will
receive a free trip for two to anywhere
in the world. Just kidding. How about
a bag of Stan Cohen's hazelnuts?

#### **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 and counseling, judicial, mediation and legal practices. Submit your signed views, 200 words or less, to Newsletter Editor Ann Milne, 314 E. Mifflin St., Madison, WI 53703.

# Technical Assistance Requests to Ex. Dir.

Patrick Phear and Tim Salius, former Directors of Technical Assistance, have recommended that the responsibilities of Technical Assistance be reviewed in light of concerns about direction and focus. Requests for Technical Assistance should be sent to the Executive Director pending further arrangements.

The AFCC Newsletter is published four times a year in January, April, July, and October. News items should be sent by the 15th of the month preceding publication to Newsletter Editor, Ann L. Milne, 314 E. Mifflin Street, Madison, WI 53703, (608) 251-0604.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 10-14, 1987 & June 23-27, 1987

Divorce and Child Custody Mediation

Christopher Moore, Ph. D.

Contact: Center for Dispute Resolution

1900 Wazee Street, Suite 311

Denver, CO 80202 (303) 295-2244

March 20-22, 1987 and May 22-24, 1987 Mediation Intensive Workshops

Contact: Joel Edelman 169 Pier Avenue Santa Monica, CA 90405

(213) 392-4830

March 25-29, 1987

American Orthopsychiatric Association "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 on Family Therapy

"The Patterns Which Connect"
Prague, Czechoslovakia
Contact: Czechoslovok Medical
Society - 1CFT1987
Vit.Unora 31, P.O. Box 88
120 26 Praha 2. Czechoslovakia

May 15, 1987

Los Angeles Pre-Conference Seminar

LA Superior Court Contact: Ron Hulbert

Los Angeles Conciliation Court Room 241, 111 N. Hill Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 974-5524.

May 19-22, 1987

AFCC Annual Conference

Ala Moana Hotel Honolulu, Hawaii Contact: Gwen Heliker Hawaiian Adventures, Inc. 1833 Kalakaua Ave., Suite 500 Honolulu. Hawaii 96815

(000) 047 14E4

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September 9-12, 1987

National Association of Social Workers

"Social Work '87 - On the Leading Edge"

New Orleans Contact: NASW 7981 Eastern Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20910

(800) 638-8799

October 29-Nov. 1

AAMFT "Family Therapy Works"

Chicago Hilton
Contact: AAMFT
1717 K Street NW, #407
Washington, DC 20006

(202) 429-1825

December 3-5, 1987

AFCC Midwinter Meeting

Desert inn Hotel and Country Club

Las Vegas, Nevada

Contact: Ruth Pearson-Urban Clark County Courthouse 200 S. Third St., 4th Floor Las Vegas, NV 89155 (702)455-4185

May 26-28, 1988

AFCC's 25th Anniversary Conference

"The Best of AFCC"
Long Beach Hyatt Regency
Contact: Hugh McIsaac
Conciliation Court, Rm. 241
111 N. Hill Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

(213) 974-5524

May 1989

AFCC Annual Conference

Chicago, IL

May 1990

AFCC Annual Conference

Winnipeg, Canada

Announcements of upcoming events of interest to AFCC members should be sent to Newsletter Editor Ann L. Milne, 314 E. Mifflin St.,

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