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THE BEST OF AFCC - 25th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

The 25th Anniversary Conference of AFCC will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Long Beach, CA May 25-28, 1988. The conference theme, Helping Children and Families: The Best of AFCC, will provide an opportunity to bring back some of AFCC's most distinguished presenters.

The Public Forum features a 25-year retrospective view of family law by Appellate Court Justice Donald King, Professor of Law Jay Folberg and Dr. Judith Wallerstein. Law Professor Robert Mnookin and Social Work Professor Constance Ahrons will discuss new research findings on custody arrangements and private ordering. A family law perspective view will be presented by Dr. Joan Kelly and Stephen Adams, Editor, California Family Law Reporter.

The panel of joint custody parents and their children featured at the 1978 Los Angeles conference will return to bring us up to date on their experiences with joint custody and shared parenting. Workshops include sessions on Judicial Administration: Dealing with Calendar Delay; Negotiation and Mediation for Attorneys; The Art of Family Evaluation; Intractable Disputes in Mediation; Dealing with Child Support Guidelines; and Guidelines and Considerations for Lawyers for Children. Other topics include domestic violence, AIDS and its implications for child custody and visitation, establishing a private practice and ethical issues in family law. AFCC's international perspective will be reflected in presentations on dispute resolution programs in Canada, New Zealand, Eng-

land, Ireland, China and Scandinavia.

A 25th Anniversary would not be complete without a party! An optional harbor cocktail cruise is planned for Thursday night. Saturday Night Live may not be able to compete with the program to be presented at the Saturday night banquet by the indomitable duo of Tom Bishop and Stan Cohen. Dubbed a "Maximum Montage", Bishop and Cohen promise that there will be something in this for everyone. And for informal celebrating and a chance to greet old friends, the Hospitality Suite will be open every evening.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Hugh McIsaac, Family Court Services, 111 N. Hill St., Room 241, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 974-5524.

See You May 25-28, 1988 in Long Beach!

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Dispute Resolution Techniques for Judges and Attorneys

Tuesday, May 24, 1988 9:00 am-5 pm.

Jay Folberg, Professor of Law, Lewis and Clark Law School and Thomas Bishop, Attorney, New London, CT., will be conducting a workshop to help judges and lawyers resolve family law disputes through the use of mediation techniques. Discussion and role play will emphasize the unique relationship between the law and the mediation process. Enrollment is limited to 35. (\$95)

Establishing a Modern Family Court Service

Wednesday, May 25, 1988 9:00 am - 5 pm.

This workshop will include presentations and consultation with members from a wide range of courts, large and small. This hands-on practical workshop will provide technical assistance for those who wish to establish family court services in their jurisdictions or enhance existing services. Coordinated by

Mary Duryee, Director of Family Court Services in Alameda County, the program will also feature Russell Schoeneman, Tim Salius, Nolan Jones and other court service directors. Topics will include administrative issues, funding options, range of services, staff development and relationship with other sectors. (\$95)

United Offers Discount

You can help AFCC and save money when you make your airline reservations with United Airlines. To receive 5% off any applicable fare from First Class to Ultra Saver, or 40% off full coach: Call the Convention Desk at 800-521-4041, 8 a.m.-11 p.m. EST; give the AFCC Account Number 8058-N. These discounts are available only on flights within the United States and only through the Convention Desk. Full Mileage Plus credit is awarded on all discounted fares.

Conference Schedule

- Tuesday, May 24, 1988**
 - Ex. Dir. Search Committee 9am
 - Pre-conference Workshop 9am-5 pm
 - Publications Committee 10am-Noon & 6 pm
 - Executive Committee 6-9 pm
- Wednesday, May 25, 1988**
 - Board of Directors 8:30am-2:00 pm
 - Registration
 - Pre-conference Workshop 9am-5 pm
 - Juvenile Courts Committee 2-4 pm
 - Chapter Development Committee 2:30 pm
 - Academic Committee 3-4pm
 - Custody Evaluation Committee 3-4:30 pm
 - Membership Committee 3pm
 - Conference Committee 3-5:30 pm
 - Awards Committee 4:00pm
 - Family Violence Committee 4 pm
 - Mediation Committee 4:50pm
 - Nominations Committee 5:00 pm
 - Opening Plenary 7:30 pm
- Thursday, May 26, 1988**
 - Conference Sessions 9am-5pm
 - AFCC General Membership Meeting 5:30 pm
 - Regional Meetings- following memb. mtg.
 - Optional Harbor Cocktail Cruise 7:30 pm
- Friday, May 27, 1988**
 - Editorial Board 7am
 - Conference Sessions 9:00-5 pm
 - Judicial Forum Luncheon 12:30 pm
 - Attorney Forum Luncheon 12:30 pm
 - Public Policy Forum Luncheon 12:30 pm
 - Private Practice Committee 5 pm
 - Banquet 7:30pm
- Saturday, May 28, 1988**
 - Board Meeting 7-9am
 - Conference Sessions 9am-12:30pm

Check with Registration Desk for meeting place.

"I remember ..."

AFCC Newsletter staff contacted a number of members of longstanding to ask them about AFCC's past 25 years.

Meyer Elkin: I remember AFCC when it wasn't. In 1963, Judge Pfaff and I co-founded AFCC. There were only 6 Conciliation Courts at the time and they were all in California. We felt a need to get together and give each other support, to compare our collective ignorance and to exchange information. When one is in the darkness, it is a comfort to be surrounded by other fireflies.

Murray Bloom: I remember AFCC when Meyer Elkin was just a youngster.

Hugh McIsaac: I remember AFCC when Murray Bloom was just a youngster.

Patrick Phear: I remember AFCC when we were all youngsters.

Irwin Cantor: I remember standing in a rainstorm at the airport in Juneau, Alaska after rafting around icebergs with a number of fellow AFCC'ers and chuckling at the looks of this motley crew of esteemed judges, lawyers and mental health professionals. We sure have had a lot of good times together.

Ron Hulbert: I remember AFCC when it was still in the trenches.

Larry Kaplan: I remember when Murray Bloom converted me into an AFCC member. I've been a fan of AFCC ever since.

Liz Koopman: I remember when we thought going to AFCC meetings would be a lot of fun. Now it's a lot of work coupled with a lot of fun.

John Kydd: I remember AFCC when Hugh McIsaac still wore his Dartmouth letter jacket.

Ann Milne: I remember AFCC when we used to attend workshops and presentations instead of so many committee meetings.

Steve Gaddis: I remember my first AFCC conference in 1977 when I learned about a new technique called "meditation".

John Van Duzer: I remember AFCC before Lolly Levit told me it was inappropriate to call our post-conference trips "junkets". I've been on each one and look forward to the junket, oops, seeing the junk boats in China.

Jeanne Ames: I remember one of my first AFCC meetings. I was attending a workshop on human sexuality and the presenters, who lived on a houseboat, ended up having a big fight. Later rumor was that one of the partners ended up swimming to shore!

Nancy Ann Holman: I remember being at one of my first AFCC meetings and sitting around on the floor with all these judges and lawyers, talking about our common concerns and issues... the opportunity to associate with others and the relationships that have developed into longstanding friendships... the warmth and inspiration of a Meyer Elkin, who even when not physically present, his presence and influence is still felt and appreciated.

Did You Know that Interdisciplinary Conflict Started AFCC?

AFCC, long proud of its interdisciplinary heritage and membership, came into being because of tensions between the legal requirements for divorce in California, the Conciliation Court and family law practitioners. Some time before 1963, California law provided that divorcing couples could not obtain a divorce without the consent of the Conciliation Court. Such a philosophy was alien to the principles of self-determination espoused by conciliation court staff and greatly irritated most lawyers. Superior Court Judge Louis H. Burke, hired Meyer Elkin, a professionally trained marriage and family counselor, to direct the Conciliation Court. Their combined efforts resulted in a redefinition of the stated legal purposes of the Conciliation Court. Rather than being an impediment to divorce, the Conciliation Court became a source of help to couples to prevent needless divorce. With the public relations skills of Superior Court Judge Roger Alton Pfaff, other members of the bench began to turn to the Conciliation Court for assistance in making troublesome custody and visitation determinations. Custody and visitation evaluations proved to be invaluable to the court and the professional quality of the staff helped many lawyers and clients avoid needless litigation and fault-finding. The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, then called Association of Conciliation Courts, founded in 1963, provided an opportunity for all the key players; judges, lawyers and conciliation staff, to get together

and discuss their common interests and differences. As Meyer Elkin so aptly puts it, "We learned how the law can become a part of the solution; not apart from the solution."

Over the past twenty-five years, AFCC has grown from a six court association with a handful of members to an international organization with nearly one thousand members. Meetings have been held across the United States and Canada and members have traveled to Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and China to meet kindred souls working in court settings to help families resolve conflict. If conflict is the mother of invention, then AFCC must be the mother of interdisciplinary cooperation. And at twenty five, she can look forward to many years watching her offspring work together to enhance the lives of families and their experiences with the legal system.



Notice: Bylaws Update

Last Call for China!

Don't miss this opportunity to join AFCC's post conference trip to China. The trip is on and filling up fast!

At press time there were 23 people on board, representing five countries. Participants will leave Los Angeles, Sunday, May 29, 1988 and return Friday, June 17th. Sponsored by the Goodwill People To People Travel Program and the China Law Society, AFCC delegates will meet with mediators, judges and lawyers to exchange views and experiences. Just think - Shanghai, Xian, Beijing, Guilin, Jinan, Kowloon, Hong Kong and Qu Fu all for \$3867, including

transportation, lodging, meals and transfer costs. Contact John Kydd, 900 Hoge Building, Seattle, WA 98104, (206) 623-1590 work; (206) 842-1913 home.

The membership of AFCC will be voting on revisions to the Bylaws at the General Membership Meeting in Long Beach. Revisions include the addition of associate and affiliate membership categories for persons or institutions outside the North American continent; provision for each chapter to have a representative on the Board of Directors; limiting the President to two consecutive one year terms; requiring the Board to establish the payment level of a fee by a chapter for services performed by the national office.

REGIONAL NEWS



Central- Ellen Rudd, NC Regional Coordinator, informs us that AFCC's first NC Regional meeting will be held Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 1988 at the Westin Hotel (\$86/room) in Cincinnati. Ellen and Bob Tompkins met with an enthusiastic local steering committee and report that Cincinnati will be throwing out the red carpet for regional colleagues. Ann Milne, mediator in private practice in Madison, WI will be the plenary speaker on the conference theme "Interdisciplinary Cooperation". Although the program is not finalized, other presenters will include St. Louis Attorney Robert Benjamin, who will moderate a divorce montage, Kansas Attorney David Woodbury, Kansas Judge Herbert Walton, Gary Kretschmer, Family and Youth Services, Olathe, KS, staff members from the Airing Institute in Cincinnati and Ellen Rudd, Director of the Marlon County (Indianapolis, IN) Domestic Relations Counseling Bureau. For more information contact Ellen Rudd, Rm. 742 City-County Bldg., Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 236-3858.

Northeast- The NE Regional Conference, co-sponsored with the Virginia Mediation Network, will be held October 19-21, 1988 at the National Clarion Hotel (\$90/room) in Arlington, VA. This meeting has been designated as the sight of AFCC's Executive meeting on Friday, Oct. 21 and AFCC's Board meeting on Sat. Oct. 22. The theme, "Different Sides of Different Coins", will feature a panel of divorced individuals commenting on the legal and emo-

tional process "From their Side." The panel will be moderated in a Phil Donohue-style by Thomas Bishop. Workshop presentations will include the use of mediation in Juvenile Court, custody evaluation procedures which meet the needs of a diverse client population, and key legal issues in family law. Advance information may be obtained from Tim Sallius 28 Grand St., Hartford, CT 16106 (203) 566-8187 or Aza Butler, 801 Dairy Rd. Parkton, MD 21120 (301) 583-5678 or Joanne Jackson, 411 E. High St. Charlottesville, VA 22901 (804) 979-7191 or Donnie Conner, Henrico County Juvenile Court, Richmond, VA (804) 747-4410.

Northwest- Regional plans are still incubating in the NW. Contact Marjory Hellman, King County Courthouse, Third & James W364, Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 583-4690 or Jane Grafton, 3262 West Ave. Vancouver, BC CAN-ADA V6K 1H5 (604) 733-4021.

Southeast- A SE Regional meeting is tentatively being planned for January or February, 1989, in the Orlando, Florida area. Contact T. Allene Hubert 507 SE 6th 2nd Floor, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 (305) 765-4012.

Southwest- The SW Region and the Arizona Chapter are jointly sponsoring a conference December 1-3, 1988 at the Doubletree Inn (\$63/room) in Scottsdale. Those of you who attended AFCC's winter meeting in 1984 will re-

member the hotel's wonderful accommodations and proximity to Old Scottsdale and other attractions. The conference theme, "DR on Trial: Ethical Standards and Professional Guidelines", will focus on standards for child advocates, judicial feedback for expert witnesses, how to gather and use statistical information, legislative changes including the new Arizona law on supervision of visitation, and open and closed mediation. This conference will be an excellent opportunity for SW regional colleagues to expand the professional network and focus on professional issues. For more information contact Pat Dixon, Maricopa County Conciliation Court, 201 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85003, (602) 262-3296 or Linda Kerr, Pima County Conciliation Court, 111 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ, 85711 (602) 792-6344 or Pat Ferguson, 1130 E. Missouri, Phoenix, AZ (602) 266-5823.

Southcentral- The SC Region is looking toward a possible meeting in Dallas in Spring, 1989. Contact Linda Hahn, Old Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Dallas TX (214) 749-8674.

Regional meetings are not limited to members of the geographic area. Each region welcomes the participation of all AFCC members and others interested in this field.

Don't forget to attend your regional meeting while attending the Long Beach conference. Each region will be gathering immediately following the general membership meeting on Thursday, May 26, 1988.

CHAPTER JEWS

Arizona- The Arizona chapter annual meeting was held at the beautiful Westcourt in the Buttes in Tempe. Maricopa County Commissioner Elizabeth Peterson-Arriola and Joel Bankes from the Conciliation Court discussed mandatory wage assignments and judicial supervision of custody and visitation cases. Pat Ferguson was elected chapter President, succeeding Clarence Cramer. Chapter members are hard at work on plans for the SW regional conference which will be held in December. See Regional News.

California- The CA chapter held its annual meeting in conjunction with the 2nd annual Judicial Council conference in March in Monterey. The conference, "Extending the Partnership" included presentations on mediating financial issues in a court setting. All expenses for attendees were paid by the Judicial Council from funds collected from filing fees. The CA chapter presented its third annual Joseph Drown Award for outstanding service to children to Hon. Leonard Edwards, Judge in Santa Clara County. Isolina Ricci was also honored for her role as statewide Coordinator for Family Mediation, Evaluation and Conciliation Services in California.

Kansas- Kansas received affiliate chapter status in December and members are hard at work organizing committees and related chapter development activities. Correspondence from Judge Herbert Walton and Attorney David Woodbury indicates that the Kansas fires are burning and they look forward to full steam ahead.

Family Mediation Israel

Family Mediation Israel, founded by Sylvia Mandelbaum, announced its new slate of officers. They are Miriam Fisher, President; Chana Berman, Secretary; Dr. Kuzriell Maier, Treasurer; Rabbi Binyamin Markowitz, Conference Chair and Sylvia Mandelbaum, Coordinator. Ms. Mandelbaum reports that her course on comprehensive mediation has been taken by several people from the U.S. while vacationing in Jerusalem. Mediation continues to grow in Israel with most mediators coming from the field of social work. Ms. Mandelbaum notes that mediation is not for everyone. "It is not for the rigidly stubborn, for the immature or for the untruthful, or for the one who would rather die than compromise." Mediators traveling to Israel are invited to contact Ms. Mandelbaum at Mediation - P.O.B. 378, Safed, Israel.

Academy's Conference to be in Portland

The Academy of Family Mediators will hold the fifth annual conference on "Mediation: The Next Years" July 6-9, 1988 at the Portland Hilton. Highlighting this year's Conference are distinguished contribution awards to AFM Founding President John Haynes and Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield. The conference will focus on the next stage in the growth of family mediation, including a review of mediation theory, practice, social and ethical issues and the "institutionalization" of mediation. A featured session will include Donald Saposnek, John Haynes and Isolina Ricci demonstrating their mediation styles in a custody case. Post conference training will be offered by Saposnek and Ricci. Conference entertainment will include a salmon bake and a cruise on a stern-wheeler up the Columbia Gorge. Further information may be obtained from Jim Melamed, Executive Director, P.O. Box 10501, Eugene, OR 97440 (503) 345-1205.

California Courts Exchange Staff

Court services in California have started a counselor exchange program to provide an opportunity for a court counselor or mediator to spend a few days, a week, or two weeks in another county; working, learning or teaching (or all of the above). The idea came from court staff who, while talking at one of AFCC's annual conferences, wondered how differences between jurisdictions affect the mediation process. It was also thought that a staff exchange would be a great way to address burn-out and job fatigue. Several exchanges have been arranged through the use of county resources when distances allowed for commuting. When longer distances are involved and overnight accommodations are necessary, the Judicial Council's Family Court Services Statewide Coordination program is available to help defray costs.

Pat Dixon, mediator with the Maricopa County Conciliation Court in Phoenix, recently spent two weeks working at the San Diego Family Court Services. She stated it was a wonderful opportunity, made special mention of the warm hospitality extended by Murray Bloom and his staff, and promised to write about the exchange in the next issue of the Newsletter. We would be happy to print information about any other areas that have offered staff exchanges.



MEMBER PROFILE

Eileen Kouri, Socio-Legal Officer with the Family Violence Prevention Division of Health and Welfare Canada, personifies AFCC. Eileen has been bringing professionals from various disciplines together for her entire professional career. In fact, she is interdisciplinary herself. Having obtained a

Master's degree in Social Work from McGill University, she was later awarded a Fellowship to study law. She received her LLB in 1981 from McGill with an emphasis in human rights and family law. A past Board Member of the Canadian Association of Social Workers, she is a *Membre Emeritus* of the Quebec Professional Corporation of Social Workers. Now a part of the Family Violence Prevention Division, Eileen served as the Principal Program Officer for Divorce Counseling and Family Affairs of Health and Welfare Canada and actively promoted the development of Unified Family Courts and divorce mediation services across the country. Through her efforts, professionals from the social sciences and law have joined together at conferences and workshops to discuss their common interests and enhance their profes-

sional expertise. Eileen's vast experience in government, school, academic and health care settings is reflected in her continuing efforts to bring together all the helping professions. Her interest in children and families is a consistent theme throughout her life and includes her attachment to her niece and nephews. Meeting Eileen is like meeting a member of the family. Her warmth and humor reach out to make even strangers feel like friends. Fluent in French and English, she loves music, cooking, reading and her cottage in the Laurentian mountains; a place to escape to and think about writing that book she'd like to write someday. Eileen serves on the Board of Directors of AFCC. She represents "The Best of AFCC" and looks forward to further interdisciplinary exchange at the Long Beach conference.

MEMBER NEWS

Murray Bloom announces that the San Diego Family Court Services has moved to a magnificent new office. The new address is 1501 6th Ave., San Diego, CA 92101-(619) 557-2125. **Murray Bloom, Hugh McIsaac, Mary Duryee, Jeanne Ames, and Judge Thomas Murphy** were confirmed by the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court as members of the Advisory Board of Family Court Services of the Judicial Administrative Council.

Clarence Cramer, Director of the Conciliation Court in Pinal County and **Russ Schoeneman**, Director of the Maricopa Conciliation Court, recently conducted a two day training in mediation for attorneys and court personnel in Las Vegas.

Pat Ferguson was elected President of the Arizona chapter of AFCC. She succeeds Clarence Cramer.

Sarah Childs Grebe reports that the Post Master's Certificate Program in Family Mediation is now at home in the School of Social Work at Catholic University. Sarah continues to serve as Liaison. The program, established in 1983, has graduated 8 students and provides an internship with the Montgomery County Court to mediate child custody disputes.

Judge Larry Kaplan will be the keynote presenter at the 5th annual conference of the New York State Council on Divorce Mediation in Suffern, N.Y. in April. He will also represent AFCC at the annual meeting of the National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges in Ft. Lauderdale in July.

Florence Kaslow, psychologist mediator from West Palm Beach, FL has hit the big time! Florrie recently appeared on the Oprah Winfrey and Phil Donohue shows. She conducted an educational interview with two divorcing couples to show the issues confronted by people in the divorce process. On Donohue, Florrie held her own with a nationally known family law attorney on the subject of children who sue their parents. Both programs provided national exposure to family conflict and the use of non-adversarial methods, such as mediation and counseling, to resolve intense family issues.

Eileen Kouri has a new title with Health and Welfare Canada. She is now the Socio-Legal Officer in the Family Violence Prevention Division of Health and Welfare. She is also recovering from recent surgery, feeling very chipper, making steady progress and looking forward to attending AFCC's conference in Long Beach.

Chris Moore and **Susan Wildau**, mediators and trainers with CDR in Boulder, CO will be traveling to Sri Lanka this summer to establish a mediation program to resolve family, civil and commercial disputes. Sponsored by the Sri Lanka Ministry of Justice and the Asia Foundation, they will be training 15 mediators to train others in the mediation process.

Patrick Phear and **Margaret Shaw** presented a two day workshop at the third annual meeting of the Texas Association of Family Mediators in Dallas. They will also be on the program at a conference of the Mediation Network of N. Carolina.

Tim Salius, Patrick Phear, Bob Tompkins, and Diana Prelice conducted a two stage mediation training program for court staff and judges in Rhode Island.

Joseph Steinberg, family law attorney in Hartford, CT was recently appointed to the Connecticut Superior Court. Congratulations!

David Woodbury, family law attorney in Johnson County, Kansas and active organizer of the Kansas chapter, recently traveled to Columbus, Indiana to meet with members of the bar and local mental health professionals on the effectiveness of a court-ordered mediation program.

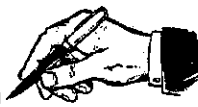
DOING ANYTHING IN 1991?

If not, how would you like to host AFCC's annual conference? It's not too late (or too early!) to contact the Conference Planning Committee and talk with them about hosting a conference in May, 1991. The Conference Committee is particularly eager to receive invitations from the East in order to conform to AFCC's interest in geographically balancing its conference sights.

The Conference Planning Committee will be meeting during the Long Beach conference on Wed., May 25, 1988 from 3-5:30 pm. Drop in and talk with them. They can answer your questions and help you with the planning. Room location will be posted.

For more information, contact Bob Tompkins, Deputy Director, Family Division, 28 Grand Street, Hartford, CT 06106 (203) 566-7973 or Ruth Urban, Clark County Courthouse, Child Custody Division, 200 S. 3rd. Street, Suite 407, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (702) 455-4185.

Will you help
sign up a new member?



AFCC is embarking on an aggressive membership drive. We need you to contact your colleagues and tell them about AFCC. This kind of personal contact with others in your field is the most effective way to add to our membership. **Tell someone today about AFCC and invite them to come to Long Beach in May and meet the rest of us.** For further membership information contact Murray Bloom, Family Court Services, 1501 Sixth Ave., San Diego, CA 92101 or Judge Lawrence Kaplan, Family Division, 604 City-County Bldg., Pittsburg, PA 15219.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4-8, 1988
Mediation Training
Florence Kaslow and Jay Folberg
Contact: Psychological Seminars, Inc.
213 E. Davis Blvd.; Tampa, FL 33606
(813) 253-3587

May 19-21, 1988
New York Conference on Dispute Resolution
Hotel Syracuse
Contact: Center for Dispute Resolution
210 E. Fayette St.
LaFayette Bldg., Suite 700
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 471-4676

May 20-21, 1988
Mediation Network of N. Carolina
Guilford College, Greensboro
Contact: Mediation Network
PO Box 217; Pittsboro, NC 27312

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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 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 Evaluation: 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. (\$4.50)

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 \$30.00. AFCC has a limited number available for purchase @ \$26.00 (includes postage and handling).

Guidelines for Establishing a Court Connected Counseling Service: A manual for courts and individuals with helpful information regarding how to establish a court connected counseling service. \$3.50.

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. \$2.50 each.

Divorce Mediation Final Report: The findings of the AFCC sponsored project are 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 St., 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.

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

VIDEO TAPES	Total 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	\$ 4.50	_____	_____
Joint Custody and Shared Parenting/Folberg	26.00	_____	_____
Guidelines for Establishing Court-Connected Conciliation and Mediation Services	3.50	_____	_____
Divorce and Family Mediation: History, Review and Future/Brown	2.50	_____	_____
1984 AFCC Annual Conference Syllabus (Denver)	8.00	_____	_____
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	_____	_____

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

POSTAGE INCLUDED IF ORDERS ARE PREPAID

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Address _____

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Phone _____

Checks payable in U. S. Funds to:
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 Gaines Hall, Room 149
 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road
 Portland, OR 97201
 (503) 279-5651

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May 25-28, 1988

AFCC 25th Anniversary Meeting:

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Hyatt Regency Long Beach

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June 18-22, 1988

Victim-Offender Reconciliation & Mediation Conference

Toronto

Contact: John Gehm

c/o The PACT Institute of Justice

PO Box 177; Michigan City, IN 46360

(219) 872-3911

July 6-9, 1988

Academy of Family Mediators Annual Meeting

Portland Hilton

Contact: James Melamed

PO Box 10501; Eugene, OR 97440

(503) 345-1205

July 4-11, 1988

ABA Annual Meeting

Toronto Convention Centre

Contact: ABA Convention Dept.

750 N. Lake Shore Dr.

Chicago, IL 60611

(312) 988-5870

August 13-16, 1988

Divorce Mediation Training

Carl Schneider and Zena Zumeta

Contact: Carl Schneider

1875 Dempster St., Suite 365;

Park Ridge, IL 60068

(312) 696-6023

Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 1988

AFCC NC Regional Meeting

Cincinnati Westin Hotel

Contact: Ellen Rudd

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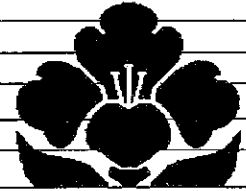
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From the Academic Committee ...

The Academic Committee is compiling a directory of professionals, courses and curricula in higher education relevant to custody mediation, evaluation, and counseling. Since an academic network in these areas is in its infancy, member assistance is important. Please send names, departments, course offerings in community colleges, four year institutions and universities to: Elizabeth Koopman, Benjamin Building, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742. A copy of the directory will be provided upon request. Thank you for your help.

Name of instructor/contact person: _____

Course title, if known: _____

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Do you wish to receive a copy of the directory? YES NO

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From the Research Committee ...

Dear AFCC Colleague:

We need your help! As a service to AFCC members, we are developing a List of research and data-gathering projects. The list will allow you to get information on a particular subject from another court, such as a funding analysis, and as a way for you to disseminate information you have gathered.

Please provide any information you have about studies in your court or agency, such as demographic data

collecting, funding analysis, workload analyses, or research projects, which have been completed in the last 5 years or are currently in progress.

Please use the following format and be as complete as possible. Type of project may be administrative (i.e. client follow-up, project evaluation); descriptive; hypothesis-testing, pilot studies; surveys, etc. Use a separate listing for each project.

The information you provide will be made available

upon request. We will not be able to double-check the information, so please be sure it is as accurate as possible and that contact persons have given their permission to be included. Send to:

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Thank you.

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