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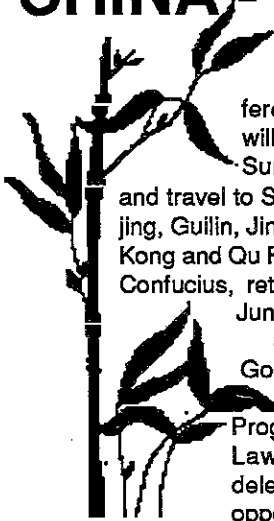
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CHINA - WE'RE ON OUR WAY!



AFCC's post-conference trip to China will leave Los Angeles Sunday, May 29, 1988 and travel to Shanghai, Xian, Beijing, Guilin, Jinan, Kowloon, Hong Kong and Qu Fu - the birthplace of Confucius, returning to LA Friday, June 17th.

Sponsored by the Goodwill People To People Travel Program and the China Law Society, AFCC delegates will have an opportunity to meet with mediators, judges and

lawyers and exchange views and experiences.

This may be a once in a lifetime opportunity to see China as it has been and as it is today. Led by Seattle lawyer and mediator, John Kydd, this trip has been in the planning stages for the past two years. John's previous travel experience in China and the expert planning of People To People will make this trip comfortable and rewarding for all.

Travel space is limited to 37 delegates, so it is important to sign up immediately. Tour cost of \$3867 includes all transportation, lodging, meals and transfer costs.

Contact John Kydd, 900 Hoge Building, Seattle, WA 98104. Telephone: work (206) 623-1590 or home (206) 842-1913.

Never Been To China?

Shanghai—Located on the east coast of China, Shanghai is China's most populous city with more than 11 million people. Highlights include the Children's Palace and the Temple of Jade Buddha. A comfortable 45 minute train trip to Suzhou will take you to the "Venice of the East" including one of the most beautiful ancient gardens and a silk weaving mill.

Xian—Located central and inland from Shanghai, Xian is the home of the Qin Shi Huangdi Tomb, guarded by 6,000 life size terra cotta warriors and horses. This is considered one of the most significant archaeological finds in China.

Jinan—The capital city of the Shandong Province, located between the Yellow River and the sacred Taishan Mountains, offers the "City of Springs", 102 bubbling natural springs. This was a sacred pilgrimage for Mao and is now accessible by bus and cable car.

Qu Fu—Sixty-five miles from Jinan is the birthplace, Temple and Tomb of Confucius. These temples and palaces are exquisite in their style and grandeur.

Beijing—The capital of China and the second largest and fastest growing municipality in China. Beijing's metropolitan size is as large as Belgium, yet the city retains its imperial flavor while becoming the political heart of China. The Imperial Palace, also known as the Forbidden City, stands on a 250 acre area in the heart of Beijing. The Summer Palace, constructed in 1888 by the Empress Dowager Ci Xi, located outside the city, offers an idyllic spot for lunch.

The Great Wall—Considered to be one of the 7 Wonders of the World, the Great Wall was constructed by 300,000 men who worked 10 years to complete the 3,946 mile wall. This excursion also includes a stop at the Ming Tombs, the burial site of a number of the Ming emperors.

Guilin—Located in south central China on the Li River. Delegates will cruise past the beautiful hills and temples of Baotshan and Chuanshan.

Hong Kong—Even if you have never been to Hong Kong, you know it is world renowned for shopping bargains! The incredible contrasts of Hong Kong provide views of beautiful homes on Repulse Bay to Sampan water villages. Sightseeing includes land and water views of the city and a chance to eat, shop and take a well deserved rest before the memory filled trip back home.

How can you resist?

AFCC SEEKS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors of AFCC invites submission of applications for the position of Executive Director. Under the supervision and direction of the AFCC Board, the Executive Director performs those tasks necessary for the effective development, administration and operation of the organization. A contract for the position will be awarded for a one year period commencing January 1, 1989 and will be renewable on an annual basis thereafter. The 1987 budget allocation for the office totals \$54,000 which currently includes \$30,000 in salary for a one-half time Executive Director, \$15,000 in salary for a full-time clerical worker and \$9,000 for routine office

supplies, office expenses and travel expenses. No fringe benefits are provided.

Application information and a description of the responsibilities of the position may be obtained from Anthony Salius, Family Division - Superior Court, 28 Grand Street, Hartford, CT 06106 (203) 566-8187.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 1988. A panel appointed by the AFCC Board of Directors will review all applications and make its recommendation for employment to the Board. Candidates will be interviewed by the panel during the May 1988 annual conference in Los Angeles.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic: Committee Chairperson Elizabeth Koopman announced that the committee will be compiling a directory of instructors, courses and curricula in higher education relevant to custody mediation, evaluation and counseling. She asks that names of instructors, departments and course offerings be sent to her at the Department of Human Development, Benjamin Building, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742. She will be happy to provide a copy of the directory upon its

completion.

Mediation: The committee received a request from the Domestic Violence Committee to study the issue of mediation in instances where domestic violence is an issue. The Mediation Committee has agreed to sponsor a focus group in May 1989 to raise the issues and begin to formulate a means to address these issues. Organizations across the country will be invited to participate including representatives of local domestic

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KANSAS BECOMES AN AFFILIATE CHAPTER

The Board of Directors unanimously approved affiliate chapter status for the state of Kansas. Under the tutelage of Judge Herbert Walton and Attorney David Woodbury, Kansas follows California and Arizona as AFCC's third chapter. Walton and Woodbury highlighted Kansas' active involvement in family law matters and the innovative programs which are available for families pre and post divorce. In early 1985, the District Court judges agreed that all families with contested custody, residence and visitation disputes shall attempt to mediate these disputes before they will be heard by the Court. Of the 293 families which used these services in a two year period in Johnson County, 71% of them did not require court intervention after mediation. The Johnson County Mental Health Center provides a two hour educational program called GRASP - General Responsibilities As Separating Parents- for all divorcing families with children under age eighteen and an optional weekend Divorce Workshop experience for families who want to learn appropriate methods of helping their children through divorce. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) have also been used in selected cases where children need on-going monitoring and supervision. More information on these programs may be obtained from Gary Kretchmer, Domestic Relations, Family and Youth Services, 905 West Spruce, Olathe, Kansas 66061 (913)782-7252.

Welcome Kansas! We look forward to hearing more about your innovative programs and having an opportunity to meet more of you at future AFCC conferences.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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abuse programs, police, women's groups, mediation associations, etc. More information will be available in the next Newsletter.

Orientation: Committee chairperson Joan Massaquoi and her able committee members held a reception for new and prospective members during the Las Vegas conference. Color-coded badges identified new members making it possible to personally welcome them. AFCC members assisted the committee with the welcome booth in the registration area.

Publications: Committee chair Phil Bushard announced that Aileen Hubert will supervise the completion of the Child Support pamphlet and Ellen Rudd will oversee the *Guide to a Successful Marriage* brochure. Ellen Rudd is also working on an Index to the *Review*.

AFCC GOES REGIONAL

The Executive Committee and Board of AFCC have finalized plans for the implementation of regional conferences to replace the midwinter meetings. Regional conferences will provide an opportunity for more members to participate in conferences due to closer geographic proximity and lower cost. Regional meetings will allow for programs to be developed which can be tailor made to meet the needs and interests of a particular area and provide an ongoing forum for professional activities. Regional conferences will not conflict with AFCC's annual May meeting as they will be held between the months of September and February. Re-

gional conferences will be open to all AFCC members, whether they reside in the area or not, and will provide a natural member recruitment vehicle for AFCC. The United States and Canada have been divided into six regions and regional coordinators have been appointed. It is anticipated that each region will hold an organizational and get acquainted meeting during the Los Angeles conference. Please feel free to contact your regional coordinator and express your interest in helping to get these regional efforts off the ground. They will be eager to hear from you!

Regional Coordinators

Northeast—(ME, MA, NY, NJ, CT, NH, RI, VT, PA, MD, DE, DC, VA, W VA; Canada- QUE, NF, NS, PEI)

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(206)583-4690 (604)733-4021

Virginia to Hold First Regional Meeting

The Virginia Mediation Network and AFCC will co-sponsor a regional meeting in the fall of 1988. It is anticipated that the meeting will be a two day event and will be held in the Washington DC/Virginia area. Further information may be obtained from Joanne Jackson, Virginia Mediation Network President, 411 E. High St., Charlottesville, VA 22901 (804)979-6191 or the Northeast Regional Coordinator Tim Salius at (203) 566-8187.

Did you know that the typical American family - husband, wife and 2 children - accounted for only 3.7 percent (2.4 million) of all the nation's families in the first quarter of 1987? (Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Population Survey)

DUES ARE DUE

Membership dues are due for 1988. AFCC's 1988 annual income and expense budget of \$97,676 is largely dependent upon revenue from memberships. This money is then used for printing and distribution of the *Conciliation Courts Review*, the Newsletter, pamphlets, support of committees, Executive Director's and secretary's salaries and office expenses including phone, postage and supplies.

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Individual: \$25/yr Individual: \$20/yr
Institutional: \$50/yr Institutional: \$40/yr
Student: \$5/yr

MEMBER NEWS

Robert Benjamin, attorney/mediator from St. Paul, conducted a 40 hr. mediation training program for the Marion County (Indianapolis) Domestic Relations Counseling Bureau and other interested members of the community. He also appeared on a local TV talk show with local attorney **Molly Rucker**, to debate the advantages of mediating financial issues.

Thomas Bishop, AFCC Vice President, presented a special training program on mediation skills in pre-trial settlement conferences for judges, commissioners and judges *pro tem* in Phoenix, Arizona. More than forty individuals participated in the training.

Stephen Gaddis, Court Commissioner in Seattle and AFCC Vice President, was appointed chairperson of the Washington State Child Support Schedule Commission. This committee is charged with establishing recommendations for the implementation of the statewide child support schedule. Washington's present child support schedule, adopted in 1983 and one of the first in the country, is based on an "income share" model in which support is determined in proportion to the parents' income.

Larry Hyde, former Executive Director of AFCC, is now Associate Dean of The National Judicial College in Reno. **Judge Betty Barteau**, Indianapolis, is one of nine NJC faculty members appointed to a Faculty Council to assist the Board of NJC and the administration of the College.

Barbara Irving, has moved from Toronto to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. She recently passed the licensing exam for marriage and family therapy and is looking for work in the area. She can be contacted at 1501 E. Oak Knoll Circle, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33324 (305) 370-1356.

Elizabeth Koopman, **Joan Hunt**, **Isolina Riccol**, **Donald Saposnek**, **Linda Campbell**, **Laurie Coltri** and **Janet Johnson** will be presenting a one day institute at the ORTHO conference in San Francisco in March. The institute is sponsored by ORTHO'S Study Group on Mediation and Divorce.

Ann Milne, AFCC Secretary and Newsletter Editor, presented a one day workshop in Ft. Worth, Texas for members of the Ft. Worth and Dallas Court Services. Ms. Milne will be presenting a one-half day program on mediation of child custody issues for the New London, CT Bar Association.

Ann Mitchell, Edinburgh author of *Children in the Middle* stopped in Indianapolis on her way to AFCC's Las Vegas conference to appear on *AM Indiana*. Coordinated by **Ellen Rudd**, Director of the Domestic Relations Counseling Bureau, this popular TV program has featured a number of interviews on issues related to the family.

Jessica Pearson, Director of AFCC's Research Unit, is spending a year at the Socio-Legal Center at Wolfson College, Oxford University, England. Dr. Pearson is doing some writing and meeting with mediators in Scotland and England. She is expected to return August 1988. **Nancy Thoennes**, is holding down the fort in Denver and continuing AFCC's research efforts.

Ed Staniec, former Director of Client Services at Michigan Courts, was appointed by Governor **Richard** to be chair of the state licensing board for Marriage and Family Therapists. Since retiring from his previous position with the state, Ed has been in private practice as a marriage and family therapist in a northern Detroit suburb.

MEMBER PROFILE



Nolan Jones

Nolan Jones has been Director of the Clackamas County Family Court Services (FCS) in Oregon City, OR since 1976. A casual conversation would probably not reveal that he is the inspiration behind a very innovative court-connected programs in the country. Formerly a coordinator at Portland State University of a research project dealing with the impact of divorce on parents and children, Nolan has used his research and academic experience to develop a FCS intern-training program. In addition to his

work with the court, Nolan is on the downhill side of completing his doctorate in counseling psychology. His dissertation, a training manual for family court services, may be a well-kept secret now but will hopefully be available to other courts when completed. Nolan has served on the AFCC Board and now co-chairs its Public Policy Committee. He also is on the Board of the Oregon Certified Marriage and Family Therapists, a clinical member of AAMFT and member of the Oregon Mediation Association. Nolan and his wife, Ruth, have been married 33 years. Ruth has attended several AFCC conferences. They have two grown children who reside nearby. In his spare time, Nolan can be found cross country skiing, canoeing, and fly fishing for steelhead. Nolan is also a cowboy at heart, although he no longer has the time to keep his own horses. Oregon City may not be Dodge City, but this is a man who rides tall in the saddle among court service programs.

CLACKAMAS COURT SERVICES SERVES UP INNOVATION

The Clackamas County Family Court Service (FCS), located in Oregon City, Oregon is a small court-connected agency that provides comprehensive family services including divorce mediation, marriage counseling. FCS was established by the circuit court on July 1, 1976. It serves approximately 300 families a year. Since its inception, an FSC advisory board comprised of judges, attorneys, community persons and consumers of services have met quarterly to monitor the program with regard to its services and future directions.

FCS is reflective of an interdisciplinary approach in dealing with families. A core staff of five practitioners that includes an attorney as well as four interns in training comprise the direct service staff. In addition, two secretaries establish client appointments and monitor other important agency functions.

FCS offers a 9 or 12 month intern training program for graduate students in counseling psychology, social work, law or persons with advanced degrees who are seeking further training in mediation.

The intern program includes direct counseling and mediation supervision and a weekly two hour training seminar. A training manual has been developed that includes material ranging from marriage and family practice issues to mediation and family law. The manual and training experience are evaluated by the core staff and interns at the end of each training year. The manual then is revised and new material added in preparation for the next training year. The training program is coordinated by AFCC members Vana O'Brien and Alison Taylor.

FCS uses pilot projects to determine the efficacy of expanding program services. One such project set the stage for adding financial issues, e.g., child support and property to its divorce mediation offering. The agency has worked closely with Oregon State University's Extension Service in developing financial material that may be utilized by divorcing couples requesting mediation.

Another pilot project is being developed to determine if custody/visitation disputes that are not suitable for mediation where agreement was not reached can be addressed through arbitration. The program is designed to use a three person arbitration panel comprised of an attorney, an agency staff member and a community volun-

teer. The project will be implemented January 1, 1988.

A pilot child-support diversion project also is being designed but should be implemented sometime in 1988. This project will divert non-compliant child support cases from the court and District Attorney's child support office to FCS for mediation.

In summary the agency attempts to be responsive to the needs of the community and also serve as a diversion program for the court.

AFCC STUDIES CHILD ABUSE INTERVENTION SYSTEMS

Among the many problems associated with child abuse are the multiple number of persons and agencies involved in dealing with such cases. A reported case of child abuse may involve intake and ongoing caseworkers from a child protective services, police, physicians, mental health professionals, a prosecuting attorney, attorneys for the parents, a representative for the child, and staff of the family, juvenile and criminal court. The number of people and agencies involved in each case can result in duplicated efforts, time lags, jurisdictional conflicts, inconsistent court and non-court actions, as well as increased trauma and tension for the children and their families.

The AFCC Research Unit recently received a grant of \$118,000 from the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect to explore the experiences of abused and neglected children and their families with child protective services and the courts. The research will examine 500 substantiated cases of abuse and neglect reported in Los Angeles, Hartford, and Wilmington. The sample includes all types of intra-familial abuse and neglect cases. Among the issues to be explored are the advantages and disadvantages of court structures which have separate family and juvenile courts with specialized expertise in custody and abuse matters and unified family courts which hear both custody-visitation and abuse matters. Further information may be obtained by contacting Nancy Thoennes, Ph.D., AFCC Research Unit, 1720 Emerson St. Denver, CO 80218 (303) 837-1555.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Michigan - The Friend of the Court Act provides a make-up visitation policy where custodial parents build up a visitation arrearage when the noncustodial parent is wrongfully denied court ordered visitation. Visitation is made up within one year at a time determined by the noncustodial parent. The Friend of the Court keeps a record of these arrearages based upon written notice from the noncustodial parent and notifies the custodial parent of the alleged denial of visitation. The custodial parent must reply within 10 days or the arrearage is assessed.

Mississippi - Effective February 1987, a mediator may be made available by the court upon the request of both parties in a domestic relations action or counsel to the clerk or court administrator. The court may mandate mediation in any domestic relation action and in those Chancery Courts where mediation is in use. Counsel is expected to inform clients on the advisability of using a mediator on all or some issues. Settlements reached through mediation shall be submitted to the court and, if approved, be reflected in the court judgment. Mediators are selected by the trial judge who assesses costs to cover the mediator's services.

Pennsylvania - The Family Law Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association has approved proposed amendments to SB 170 and 171. The amendments are designed to insure that mediation agreements are reviewed by attorneys and remove provisions that would provide sanctions on litigants accused of not mediating in "good faith". The Bar Association also suggested changes in the qualifications section of the bills to include licensed psychiatrists and limit eligibility of nonlawyer and persons lacking master's degrees in mental health fields to persons having a bachelor's degree in such fields and five years experience in family counseling.

Texas - Section 14.021, the appointment of Managing Conservators, became effective September 1, 1987. Conservator is synonymous with the term custody. A parent may be appointed a sole conservator or both parents may be appointed as joint conservators. When the court approves a joint conservatorship the order must specify the rights, privileges, duties, and powers and shall specify that the parents exchange information concerning the health, education, and welfare of the children. The statute suggests that a dispute resolution procedure also be included. The court may not appoint joint conservators if credible evidence is presented of past or present child neglect, or physical abuse by one parent directed against the other parent, a spouse or any child.

Washington - Effective January 1, 1988, RCW 26.09.160 is repealed. This legislation prohibits the court from linking child support and visitation matters. If child support payment is more than 15 days past due in an amount equal to or greater than the support payment for one month, a notice of payroll deduction, mandatory wage assignment or order to withhold and deliver may be issued without prior notice to the obligor.

Executive Order 1260 - Just before Labor Day and without much fanfare, President Reagan issued an executive order which requires all federal programs to assess the direct and indirect impact of their programs on families. Department or agency heads must certify in writing that policies have been assessed in light of the following

Family Policymaking Criteria: 1) Does this action by government strengthen or erode the stability of the family and, particularly the marital commitment? 2) Does this action strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurture, and supervision of their children? 3) Does this action help the family perform its functions, or does it substitute governmental activity for the function? 4) Does this action by the government increase or decrease disposable family income? Do the benefits of this action justify the effect on the family budget? 5) Can this activity be carried out by a lower level of government or by the family itself? 6) What message, intent or otherwise, does this program send to the public concerning the status of the family? 7) What message does it send to young people concerning their behavior, their personal responsibility, and the norms of our society?

HR 1900 - The US House of Representatives extended the authorities of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act for five more years. According to the House Select Education Subcommittee, these programs will receive less support in fiscal 1988. Child abuse authorization was cut from \$50 to \$48 million, adoption opportunities from \$23 to \$12 million and family violence from \$26 to \$15 million.

HR 1777 - Amendments to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act were introduced to ensure the safe return of children abducted to foreign countries. The State Department has recorded 2,500 cases of abduction and the return rate is only four percent. The amendments provide for funds to establish a structure at the State Department to deal specifically with these cases; to recognize the crime as a felony and to set up judicial procedures designed to ensure the prompt return of children under the 1980 Hague Convention agreement.

A Committee Assignment Just For You

We see each of our members as prospective leaders of our Association. We hope you will become involved in our committees if you have not already done so. The Membership Directory contains a list of committees. Please volunteer for one of these committees by writing to the committee chairperson. Your input in running this organization is extremely important and you can make your most important contribution at this time by serving on a committee.

Will you help sign up a new member?

AFCC is embarking on an aggressive membership drive. We need your help in reaching out to members of the bench, bar, and mental health professions to expand the mission of our organization. If you would like additional suggestions for how to make contact with prospective members contact Murray Bloom, Family Court Services, Superior Court of San Diego County, 1501 Sixth Ave., San Diego, CA 92101 or Judge Lawrence Kaplan, Family Division, 604 City-County Bldg., Pittsburg, PA 15219.

FEDS INCREASE SUPPORT COLLECTIONS

Since 1982, the Internal Revenue Service has deducted delinquent child support payments from federal income tax refunds of parents whose families receive AFDC. These collection efforts generated \$260 million in fiscal 1986. This was an increase of 20 percent over the previous year. The Child Support Enforcement Amendments of 1984 expanded the tax offset to families not receiving AFDC which has resulted in increased success in seeing that families are receiving child support. The Child Support Enforcement Amendments required all states to develop child support guidelines by October 1987. Further legislation is being contemplated which will mandate adherence to the guidelines.

FAMILY MEDIATION CANADA HOLDS SECOND CONFERENCE

Family Mediation Canada (FMC) held its second annual conference October 14-17, 1987 in Banff. More than 200 people attended. Joan Kelly presented research findings on client perception and satisfaction of mediated and adversarial divorces. Glenn Rivard, Hugh McIsaac and Donald M. conducted a panel discussion on when mediation will become mandatory. Workshop presentations included court-related mediation, therapeutic family mediation, power and mediation, use of mediation in pre-trial conferences and allegations of sexual abuse in custody and access disputes. Donald Saposnek used a series of videotapes to demonstrate the use of family therapy techniques in the mediation process.

Las Vegas Conference Hits Jackpot



Everyone went home a winner following AFCC's midwinter meeting in December in Las Vegas. Ruth Urban, conference chairperson, and her enthusiastic committee put together a class act of presenters and workshops. More than 350 individuals registered for the conference, making this the highest attendance at a winter meeting. Jule Mayhew accepted AFCC's Distinguished Service Award, given posthumously to his wife, Charlotte, the Founding Director of the Child Custody Division of the District Court of Las Vegas. Local awards were also presented to Sandie Durgin, Frank Casey and JoAnn Bagger of the Abuse and Neglect Detachment, Juvenile Division. Thank you to Ruth and your committee for making this the Biggest and the Best!



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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.

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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		_____	_____

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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	_____	_____

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THE BEST OF AFCC--MAY 25-28, 1988

The 25th Anniversary Conference of AFCC will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Long Beach, CA May 25-28, 1988. The conference theme, **The Best of AFCC**, will provide an opportunity to bring back some of AFCC's most distinguished presenters. The Public Forum will feature a 25-year retrospective view of family law by Appellate Court Justice Donald King, Professor of Law Jay Folberg, and Dr. Judith Wallerstein. The marvelous panel of joint custody parents

featured at the 1978 Los Angeles conference will be returning with their children to bring us up to date on their personal experiences with joint custody and shared parenting. Workshops will 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.

The Conference will be preceded by two one-day institutes on Tuesday, May 24th - *Dispute Resolution Techniques for Judges and Attorneys* with Jay Folberg and Tom Bishop and *Establishing a Modern Family Court Service* with members from a variety of AFCC courts around the country.

For further information contact: Hugh McIsaac, Conciliation Court, Room 241, 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 974-5524.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Divorce & Child Custody Mediation Training
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 Contact: Center for Dispute Resolution
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 Boulder, CO 80302
 (303)442-7367
 also 4/19-23/88 Toronto
 6/21-25/88 Boulder
 9/13-17/88 Boulder

February 5, 1988
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 Emily Brown
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 Contact: Divorce & Marital Stress Clinic
 1925 N. Lynn St., Suite 810
 Arlington, VA 22209
 also 2/25/88 Phoenix
 2/26/88 San Francisco
 3/11/88 Columbus
 3/25/88 Denver
 4/22/88 NY
 5/6/88 Wash DC
 5/26/88 Chicago
 6/24/88 Philadelphia
 7/15/88 Boston

February 6-7, & 20-21
Divorce Mediation Training
 April 16-19, 1988
 Carl Schneider & Zena Zumeta
 Contact: Carl Schneider
 1875 Dempster St., Suite 365
 Park Ridge, IL 60068
 (312)696-6023

March 12-13, 1988
Texas Assoc. of Family Mediators Annual Meeting
 Contact: Florence Kusnetz
 6065 Hillcroft, Suite 300
 Houston, TX 77081
 (713)777-8808

March 13-16, 1987
15th National Conference on Juvenile Justice
 Miami Inter-Continental
 Contact: National District Attorneys Assoc.
 1033 N. Fairfax Street, St.200
 Alexandria, VA 22314
 (703)549-9222

March 27-31, 1988
Adapting to Social Change: Therapy, Technology and Services
 Am. Orthopsychiatric Assoc.
 San Francisco Hilton
 Contact: ORTHO
 19 W. 44th St., Suite 1616
 NY, NY 10036
 (212)354-5770

April 6-12, 1988
International Society on Family Law
 Tokyo
 Contact: Garber Travel
 PO Box 404
 Brookline, MA 02146
 (617)787-0600

May 25-28, 1988
AFCC 25th Anniversary Meeting: The Best of AFCC
 Hyatt Regency Long Beach
 Contact: Hugh McIsaac
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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

Study Shows Mediation Helps

The Northwest Mediation Service of Bellevue, Washington located 58 people who were divorced between 1981-84 and were willing to answer an extensive questionnaire and whose children were between the ages of 10 and 19. Sixty-two percent of the respondents had participated in mediation.

The children in both mediated and non-mediated groups behaved similarly in the pre-divorce period but showed significant differences following the divorce. Children whose parents did not use mediation showed an increased involvement with drugs and alcohol, sexual activity, school problems, running away from home, problems with neighbors and police involvement.

For more information contact Nancy Kaplan, NMS Executive Director, 405 114th Ave. SE, Suite 300, Bellevue, WA 98004 (206) 454-9361.

October, 1988
Virginia Mediation Network and AFCC NE Regional Meeting

November 9-12, 1988
Social Work '88: Choices & Challenges
Philadelphia
Contact: NASW
7981 Eastern Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20910

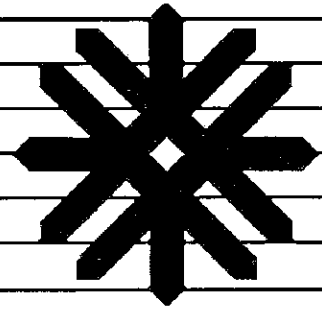
Spring, 1989
National Conference on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution
Montreal

May, 1989
AFCC Annual Conference
Chicago Drake Hotel

May, 1990
AFCC Annual Conference
Winnipeg, Canada



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