



# NEWSLETTER

## Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

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

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### From the President . . .



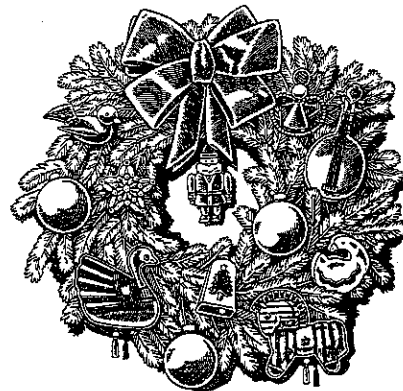
Thomas A. Bishop  
AFCC President

As the AFCC moves into its twenty-seventh year we, as members, have cause for pride in the Association's past accomplishments, as well as reasons for optimism we confront the opportunities to enhance quality of family dispute resolution processes. At our annual meeting in Chicago we bravely mused about the role of the court in society's future and the part that we, as service providers, might play in tomorrow's judicial process. If any organization may be emboldened to forecast the shape of tomorrow's judicial processes for families, few would challenge the AFCC's legitimate leadership role in pointing the way. As members we can be proud of having convened symposia to develop standards of practice for divorce mediation and more recently for having met to explore the appropriateness of mediation for families with a history of domestic violence. Coming from a consortium of judges, lawyers, mediators, mental health professionals and academics, the Association's recently adopted policy on the relevance of AIDS to parent/child access disputes should be uniquely helpful to decision makers faced with this issue.

In order to most effectively respond to the need for conferences which are relevant to local and regional concerns, the Association has recently embarked on a program of regionalization. In the past twelve months we hosted, or co-hosted eight such meetings—each one, by all accounts both enjoyable and stimulating. As reported elsewhere in this Newsletter, six regional conferences are scheduled for the next twelve months in addition to our annual conference to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, next May.

The Association's vitality reflects the energies of its members. To continue our

special role in the dispute resolution community, the Association needs your continuing provocations—your participation at annual and regional meetings and your active involvement in the internal affairs of the Association. If you are not on a committee, join the one of your choice. If you have ideas for a committee you are already on, communicate your thoughts to its chairperson. As we move through this year I hope to see many of you at our conferences and to hear your ideas for the Association's direction and growth as it strives to serve the families of our communities.



### How About An AFCC Gift Membership?

Have you considered giving your favorite judge a gift membership in AFCC? Or one of the partners in your law firm? Or a colleague who has done something special for you?

Well now you can. Gift memberships may be purchased now for only \$50, a savings of \$20 off the annual membership fee. Gift memberships will provide a full year of membership benefits including the *Family and Conciliation Courts Review*, Newsletter and conference mailings. The new member will receive a special enclosure advising them of your gift.

Gift memberships must be pre-paid. Include your name and address and the name, address and phone number of recipient. We'll take care of the rest.

With the holidays approaching, why not give an AFCC membership?

### AFCC Journal Has New Look

AFCC's journal has taken on a new look and a new name! Formerly the *Conciliation Courts Review*, the journal has been re-named the *Family and Conciliation Courts Review* and the cover has been re-designed. *Review* Co-editors, Stanley Cohen and Hugh McIsaac, will be publishing two theme issues this coming year. The December, 1989 issue will be devoted to joint custody, featuring three articles entered in the Meyer Elkin Essay Contest. Justice Sylvia Cartwright's seminal article on the Maori conceptualization of family will also be included. The June, 1990 issue will be devoted to international articles from China, Denmark, England, Israel, West Germany and other countries. Future issues of the *Review* will feature domestic violence, family economics, and fundamental questions of equity and social responsibility.

AFCC members receive a subscription to the *Review* as part of the annual membership fee. Single issue subscriptions may be purchased from AFCC for \$12.50 (US only) or \$17.50 (Foreign). Renewing your membership will insure that you do not miss an issue and that you will continue to enjoy these challenging articles.

### Dues Are Due

1990 dues notices were sent the end of November. Please remit your dues as soon as possible and save us the cost of having to send a reminder notice. Tax deductible contributions may be enclosed with your dues and will help AFCC to expand our services and reach new members.

- Individual: \$70/yr US funds
- Institutional: \$150/yr US funds  
(provides 3 copies of *Review*, Newsletter, etc.)
- Student: \$20/yr US funds
- Life: \$600 US funds  
(may be paid in two installments)
- Gift: \$50 (must be pre-paid by donor for new member only)
- CA Chapter Dues
  - Individual: \$15/yr
  - Institutional: \$50/yr
  - Student: \$5/yr
- AZ Chapter Dues
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# It's *THE* Place To Be . . .

Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada will be the site of AFCC's 1990 annual conference and will be **THE** place to be for those who work in the field of domestic relations. The conference theme, **Challenging Our Assumptions**, will set the stage for a discussion of the challenging issues faced by professionals and families in the decade of the 90's. This conference has been in the planning for the past several years and has received the support of the Canadian government. AFCC's international and inter-professional membership will be reflected in the plenary sessions and workshops. The conference committee has taken great care to plan a conference that will offer topics and presenters that will challenge our thinking and will offer something for everyone.

## WINNIPEG

Winnipeg's location in the center of Canada offers easy access from all points. A short one hour flight from the hub city of Minneapolis or three hours from each coast, Winnipeg's clean air and moderate temperatures make it an ideal setting for our conference activities. Overlooked by many as a travel destination, this conference will provide an opportunity to visit Manitoba and explore the beauty of this vast province. Winnipeg, a diverse ethnic community, includes Jewish, Ukrainian and French communities. Visitors will enjoy Winnipeg's fine dining, world class ballet, gorgeous prairie sunsets and . . . Winnipeg cheesecake! Conference brochures will be mailed in early 1990. Don't forget to make your travel plans through **Conventions in America**. For further conference information contact Lorraine Martin, Family Conciliation, 405 Broadway Ave. Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada R3C 2L6 (204) 945-7236.

## Post-conference Trip to York, England

AFCC members, family and friends can round off the trip to Winnipeg, Canada the 1990 annual meeting by joining the post-conference trip to York, England to participate in the conference of the Standing Committee for Interdisciplinary Cooperation in Family Proceedings June 11-13, 1990.

York is two hours by rail from London and Edinburgh and is the home of the "Yorvik Exhibition," a striking representation of life in York during the Viking era. Conference participants will be staying at the Novotel Hotel, near the center of the old walled city and close to many other attractions. A conference dinner is scheduled for the Merchant Tailors' Hall, the ancient Guild Hall of the city.

Members may depart the Winnipeg conference and tour England, Wales and Ireland before the York conference or may join a charter flight departing from the East coast immediately preceding the York conference. Tim Salius, Director Family Court Services, will be leading the tour. **Over a dozen AFCC members have already signed up for further information!** Contact Tim Salius, 28 Grand St. Hartford, CT 06106 (203) 566-8187.

**May 30-June 2, 1990 Westin Hotel, Winnipeg**

## 1990 Regional Conferences

### NORTHEAST

The Boston Tremont House Hotel (formerly the Bradford Hotel and the Downtown Quality Inn) will be the site of the Northeast regional meeting December 6-8, 1989. "Changing Times and Changing Families—Changing Courts?" will be the conference theme. Plenary sessions will include "Changing Families," presented by Dr. Jeffrey Rubin, Executive Director of the Harvard Negotiation Project and author of *When Families Fight*; "How Courts and Mediators Must Change" presented by Hon. Edward Ginzberg, Linda Girdner and Michael Lang and "Gender Bias Issues in the Judicial Process," a summary of the Massachusetts Task Force on Gender Bias. Workshop sessions include Unmarried With Children, Parent-Child Mediation, Federal Program Standards in Child Support Enforcement, Cultural Issues in Custody/Visitation Disputes and Troubled Parents; Troubled Children. Further information may be obtained from Tim Salius 28 Grand St., Hartford, CT 06106 (203) 566-8187 or Aza Butler, 801 Dairy Rd. Parkton, MD 21120 (301) 583-5678.

### SOUTHWEST

AFCC's California Chapter and the California Association of Matrimonial Lawyers will be co-sponsoring the Southwest Regional Conference January 28-29, 1990 at the Sonoma Mission Inn and Spa. "Conflict and Peacemaking: A Multidisciplinary Approach in Family Law" will look at

conflict and peacemaking from the perspectives of global-international, interpersonal-interactive and intrapersonal. Presenters will include Robert McWhinney and "Reflections on the Nature of Human Conflict," a multi-media presentation on conflict in ourselves and the world and Harold Sandier, author of *Breakthrough: Emerging New Thinking*, a Soviet and Western challenge to live with diversity. Workshops will include "Making Decisions About Custody: Unexamined Bias or Informed Opinion"; "Getting the Whole Picture: A Person is a Fragment of the Family"; "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden: The Dependent Client and the Professional"; and "Co-dependency As a Way of Understanding Helping Relationships." For further information contact Mary Duryee, Family Court Services, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94602 (415) 272-6030.

### NORTHWEST

"The Challenge of Interdisciplinary Partnerships" will be the theme of the Northwest Regional Conference at the Hilton Hotel in Portland, OR Feb 22-24, 1990. Featured topics include Domestic Violence, Alternate Dispute Resolution, Psychological Parent, Interdisciplinary Ethics, Parent Training, Mediation, Custody Evaluations, Visitation and Impairment of the Primary Parent. Contact: Jim Dudley or Gary Burda, Family Services, Multnomah County Courthouse, 1021 SW 4th Ave. #350, Portland, OR 97204 (503) 248-3189 or Marjory Hellman, King County Courthouse, Third & James W364, Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 583-4690.

### SOUTHCENTRAL

The first Southcentral Regional Conference and mid-year AFCC Board meeting was held October 19-21, 1989 in Dallas, TX. The conference featured Chief Justice Thomas Phillips of the Texas Supreme Court. Chief Justice Phillips spoke on the role of the judge in divorce proceedings. Other plenary presenters included Robert Stewart, Timberlawn Psychiatric Hospital, "Healthy Family: Myth or Reality" and William Hodges, Ph.D., "Joint Custody: Problem or Solution."

Plans are underway for a Southcentral Regional Conference to be held in Boulder, CO in November, 1990. Contact Byrnece Gluckstern for further information (303) 730-7227.

### NORTHCENTRAL

The Northcentral Regional Conference and AFCC Executive and Committee Meetings will be held September 27-29, 1990 at the Kansas City Marriott Hotel. Further information may be obtained from Carol Roeder-Esser (913) 831-2550.

### SOUTHEAST

A Southeast Regional Conference is being planned for Charleston, SC. Tentative dates are Fall 1990. Contact Attorney Cotton Harness or Julie Harness (803) 884-6473.

**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.**

## State Supreme Courts Appoint ADR Committees

The State Supreme Courts in Arizona, Florida, Kansas and Virginia have created special committees to study and promote the use of alternative dispute resolution procedures. Several of these committees have completed their work and have issued reports that encourage the expanded use of alternative dispute resolution procedures to "reduce hostility between disputants, to gain acceptance of the outcome and to restore a sense of control to the parties."

The Supreme Court of Arizona received a \$150,000 grant from the State Justice Institute to develop a Commission on the Courts including a task group to study dispute resolution and children and families in the courts. AFCC members Clarence Cramer, Hon. Robert Gottsfield, Harry Kaminsky, Guy Parent, and Hon. Edward Voss, III were among the members of the Commission and task forces appointed by Chief Justice Frank X. Gordon.

Florida Chief Justice Erlich has created a standing committee of the Supreme Court on Mediation and Arbitration Rules. The committee will be studying and evaluating the need for standards of conduct for mediators and arbitrators and will recommend standards to the Supreme Court. The

## Maricopa Court Celebrates 25 Years

The Conciliation Court of Maricopa County, AZ celebrated its 25th anniversary with an open house in its Phoenix office. Established in October, 1964, the counselors of this department of the Superior Court have provided 67,000 couples with marital counseling, pre-marital services, mediation and custody evaluations. The Conciliation Court idea emanated from concerns about the increasing divorce rate in Arizona. Resulting legislation was designed to offer an opportunity for reconciliation of troubled marriages. Presiding Judges have included Hon. Laurens Henderson, Hon. Irwin Cantor, Hon. Robert Gottsfield, Hon. Sylvan Brown, Hon. Edward Voss and current Presiding Judge Hon. Stephen Gerst. AFCC President-elect Russell Schoeneman has served as Director since the 1982 retirement of founding Director Dr. William Shiels. The department employs 25 counselors, interns and support staff and served over 4,500 couples in 1988.

## Preventing Abduction Through Mediation

Child Find, a non-profit organization to assist with the location of abducted children, received a \$35,000 grant from the National Institute for Dispute Resolution (NIDR) to prevent parental abduction through mediation. AFCC member Patrick Phear will be providing consulting and training to Child Find's new program and volunteers.

Supreme Court has implemented mediation training standards and has certified 32 training programs since 1988. AFCC Committee members include James Alfini, Mary Cadwell and Ailene Hubert.

Chief Justice Robert Miller appointed AFCC Board member Hon. Herbert Walton as chair of the Kansas Supreme Court Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution. Other AFCC committee members included Hon. James Beasley, Nancy Hughes, Gary Kretchmer, Hon. Jos. Pierron, and David Woodbury. The committee has prepared a comprehensive report on the use of ADR procedures in Kansas and has suggested guidelines for the qualifications of mediators to whom a court makes referrals.

The Commission on the future of Virginia's Judicial System, appointed by Chief Justice Harry Carrico, concluded that the judicial system must provide an array of dispute resolution alternatives that respond to the changing needs of society. It was concluded that alternative dispute resolution methods should be developed both within the court system and by community-based providers.

**AFCC salutes these states and others that have taken an active role in furthering the principles of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts: the constructive resolution of family conflict.**

## ABA Family Dispute Resolution Conference

AFCC will be cooperating with the ABA Standing Committee on Dispute Resolution to sponsor the Third National Family Dispute Resolution Conference **Options For All Ages**. The Conference will be held March 21-23, 1990 in Miami Beach, Florida at the Clarion Castle Resort Hotel. The conference will include workshops on issues affecting older Americans, juveniles and youth, court-based mediation programs and private practice. ABA President L. Stanley Chauvin and Judge Gladys Kessler will be two of the many featured speakers. Further information is available from Ray Gravely or Frederick E. Woods (202) 331-2258 or by writing the ABA Standing Committee on Dispute Resolution, 1800 M Street N.W., Ste. 200, Washington, DC 20036.

## 1990 Meyer Elkin Essay Award

The second annual Meyer Elkin Essay Award will be presented at AFCC's annual meeting in Winnipeg, Canada. The topics are "The Need for Interdisciplinary Cooperation" and "The Relationship Between Financial (Distributive) and Relationship (Integrative) Issues in Divorce." Papers should follow the style of those in the *Family and Conciliation Courts Review* and can be submitted by March 1, 1990 to Review co-editor Hugh McIsaac, Director Conciliation Court, Rm. 241, 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

*Resolving disputes in a peaceful manner is a paramount obligation of government to its people. To offer the most effective, responsive and appropriate methods for resolving disputes, our justice system must be able to offer alternative dispute resolution programs along with adjudication. Delay, cost of litigation, complexity of the court process, insensitivity to litigants and lack of access weaken the current court system. Because disputes differ widely in nature, adjudication is not always the most appropriate means of resolving all cases. In the future the court system should offer a range of options for resolving disputes. Adjudication and other dispute resolution methods would continue to be available. Such a system would represent a departure from the traditional adversary system by offering disputants the chance to choose the best method for resolving their differences. That method may lie anywhere along a continuum from traditional adjudication at one end, with a third-party decision maker, to conciliation, at the other end, where the parties alone reach a decision. In fashioning non-traditional dispute resolution alternatives, either by the courts or by private enterprise, means must be developed that offer an opportunity to deal with the causes of the underlying issues in a dispute. New approaches must find ways to reduce hostility between disputants, to gain acceptance of the outcome and to restore a sense of control to the parties. Embodying these fundamental concepts in all resolution mechanisms will achieve a greater sense of justice in the individual case.*

**(From Commission on the Future of Virginia's Judicial System)**

## AFM Call for Proposals

The Academy of Family Mediators has issued a call for proposals for presentation at the annual meeting July 22-28, 1990 at the Sheraton Tara Hotel and Resort in Danvers, MA. Presentations are requested on topics of Gaining the Acceptance of Mediation; Increasing Knowledge and Skills; Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Mediation; The Enhanced Field of Family Mediation; Mediation and the Divorcing Family; The Magic of Mediation and Nurturing the Family of Mediators. Proposals must be postmarked by Dec. 15th. For further information contact the Academy's office at (503) 345-1205.

## Member News

**Hon. James B. Beasley**, 18th Judicial District, Wichita, Kansas received the Chief Justice Warren Burger Award for "Healers" presented by the National Council on Children's Rights at their recent annual conference in Washington, DC. Judge Beasley is a member of AFCC's Kansas chapter.

**Mike Bridenback**, Director of the Florida Dispute Resolution Center was appointed to serve on a National Task Force on Community Mediation sponsored by the National Institute for Dispute Resolution (NIDR). Mr. Bridenback also participated in a meeting of Directors of statewide mediation programs hosted by NIDR, the National Center of State Courts and the California Office of the Courts. He was joined by **Tim Salius**, Director Connecticut Family Service Division and **Isolina Ricci**, Statewide Coordinator, Family Court Services. The meeting was facilitated by **Margaret Shaw**, Director Institute for Judicial Administration.

**Frona C. Daskal, J.D.** was recently appointed director of the Divorce Mediation Service of the Parkside Pastoral Counseling Center. She replaces **Carl Schneider, Ph.D.** who has moved to Atlanta, Georgia to direct the Grady Hospice Program. The Parkside Center offers mediation services in Park Ridge and downtown Chicago.

**Hon. Leonard Edwards**, Santa Clara County, San Jose, CA received the 1989 Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award. Judge Edwards is chairperson of AFCC's Juvenile Courts Committee.

**Hon. Lawrence Kaplan**, AFCC Immediate Past-President and judge in the Family Division of the Allegheny Common Pleas Court, Pittsburgh, PA has been selected as a co-editor of a forthcoming issue of the American Bar Association publication, *Family Advocate*.

**Tim Salius**, Director Court Services, Family Division, Connecticut Superior Court was a featured speaker at the annual Minnesota State Judicial Conference. Mr. Salius spoke on family violence.

**Special Note:** Hurricane Hugo, the California earthquake and East coast and Alabama tornados have caused serious damage and problems for many families across the country. AFCC members in South Carolina suffered some yard damage but have resumed daily activities. Although we have not been able to personally check with all of our members in the San Francisco-Oakland area, it appears that all of our members survived the recent earthquake. The courthouse and offices of court services in San Francisco, Santa Clara and Oakland were

## Child Support Guidelines Project

The final report of the Child Support Guidelines Project is now available from the Center for Policy Research. Funded by the State Justice Institute, the project examines the impact of child support guidelines on levels of child support. The study focuses on the experience of three states: Colorado, Hawaii and Illinois. Each state has adopted one of the three major guidelines in use by states today: the Income Shares Model, the Melson Formula and the Percentage of Net Income.

To gauge the impact of child support guidelines, CPR surveyed judges and

damaged by the quake but have resumed services. Santa Clara offices have been re-located to a new building. The building housing the Administrative Office of the Courts was seriously damaged and it is doubtful if these offices will be able to be restored. Isolina Ricci, AOC Statewide Coordinator, lost her home to the earthquake. Our thoughts are with you and your families.

## Texas Prescribes Visitation Schedule

The Texas Legislature enacted into law a set of guidelines for the Court to use to determine a "possessory conservator's" (non-residential parent) time with a child. The standard possession (visitation) order for parents with children over the age of three who live within 100 miles of each other provides for Wednesdays evenings from 6-8 pm; the 1st, 3rd and 5th weekends of the month from 6 pm Friday to 6 pm Sunday; even years from the first day of the Christmas school holiday until noon Dec. 26, odd years from noon Dec. 26 until 6 pm the day before school resumes; odd years from 6 pm the evening before Thanksgiving to 6 pm the following Sunday; even years from 6 pm on the last day of school preceding Spring vacation until 6 pm on the evening before school resumes; each parent to have the children from 9 am until 6 pm on the respective Father's and Mother's Days; from 6-8 pm on the day of the child's birthday providing that parent provides transportation; with written notice by May 1 of each year the possessory parent may have the children 30 days between June 1-August 31, no more than 2 separate periods of at least 7 consecutive days or if no notice is provided by May 1, 30 consecutive days from 6 pm July 1 until 6 pm July 31; with written notice by May 15 of each year the "managing conservator" (residential parent) may pick up the children 6 pm on Friday and return them at 6 pm on Sunday for any one period of time during this summer period while the children are with the possessory conservator. This schedule may be modified upon agreement of the parties or by the Court because of "age, circumstances, needs and best interests of the child" or "circumstances of the managing conservator and of the possessory conservator."

lawyers in each state, conducted telephone interviews and extracted information on child support from approximately 5,000 court files, half of which were promulgated prior to and half following the adoption of guidelines. The analysis considers changes in child support order levels, the experiences of groups with various incomes and custody arrangements, the incidence and correlates of deviation from child support guidelines and the adequacy of child support under the new guidelines. Copies of the report are available for \$10 from the Center for Policy Research, 1720 Emerson St., Denver, CO 80218.

## Legislative News

**California**—The California Chapter of AFCC developed legislative bills AB 1612 and 1613. AB 1612 requires that parents file a parenting plan and identifies what the plan should include and revises best interest factors. AB 1613 mandates four hours of parent education for divorcing parents prior to entry of judgment. The program would be administered and conducted by local family court staff. Civil Code section 4607 was amended to require that uniform standards of practice for mediation be developed and adopted by the California Judicial Council. The standards will include provisions for the best interests of the child and the safeguarding of the rights of the child to frequent and continuing contact with both parents; facilitation of the transition of the family by detailing factors to be considered in decisions concerning the child's future; and conducting negotiations in such a way as to equalize power relationships between the parties. These standards are to be adopted by Jan. 1, 1991.

**New Hampshire**—Effective May 1, 1989, the guardian ad litem will now be a full party to a proceeding and will have the same privileged communication with a child as exists between attorney and child. HB 487 provided that grandparent visitation rights were to be in effect by Jan. 1, 1990. Grandparents, adoptive or natural, may petition the court for reasonable visitation unless access had been restricted for any reason prior to or contemporaneous with the event causing the absence of the nuclear family. The court will consider whether the visitation will be in the child's best interest; whether it will interfere with any parent-child relationship or with a parent's authority; what the nature of the grandparent-child relationship is and if the child's physical emotional health would be endangered by such visitation or absence of visitation.

**Oregon**—Oregon House Bill 2225 establishes a Dispute Resolution Commission and requires the Commission to establish guidelines and general standards for programs receiving public monies. The legislation establishes a grant system for local dispute resolution programs and requires counties to impose a surcharge on certain civil filing and court fees. HB 2225 also limits the immunity of mediators in Commission approved programs and provides for confidentiality of mediation.

## AFCC Child Support Pamphlet Selling Well

AFCC's newly introduced pamphlet on **Child Support** has been selling well. First available this summer, nearly 4,000 copies of the pamphlet have been sold to date. The **Child Support** pamphlet is the sixth in a series of pamphlets produced by AFCC. Other pamphlets include **Parents Are Forever, Is Mediation For Us?, Guide For Stepparents, Joint Custody: A New View of Being Related, and Twenty Questions Divorcing Parents Ask About Their Children**. Pamphlets may be purchased from the order form in this Newsletter.



## Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Publication & Video Order Form

### PAMPHLETS

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

**Guide For Stepparents:** Little has been written to help the numbers of parents who remarry after a divorce. The guidelines offered in this pamphlet can help resolve some of the questions and concerns of the blended family.

**Joint Custody: A New Way of Being Related:** This pamphlet provides helpful 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 pamphlet answers 20 of the most commonly asked questions about how to help children adjust to divorce.

**Is Mediation For Us?** Presented in a clear and concise manner, this pamphlet describes the mediation process and how it can be helpful to families in resolving divorce-related conflicts.

**\*Child Support:** Child support is often a source of hostility between parents. This pamphlet provides gender-neutral answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about child support.

### PUBLICATIONS

**\*Sexual Abuse Allegations:** Results of a two year study conducted by Dr. Jessica Pearson on the nature and validity of sex abuse allegations in families going through divorce.

**Guidelines For Court-Connected Child Custody Evaluations:** This 25 page booklet is a procedural guide that can be used by evaluators charged with the responsibility of preparing custody evaluations for domestic relations courts.

**Guidelines For Establishing A Court-Connected Counseling Service:** A 40 page manual which provides helpful information about how to establish a court-connected counseling, evaluation and mediation service.

**Model Standards of Practice for Family & Divorce Mediation:** The Model Standards are the product of three national symposia (1982-84), convened by AFCC, on standards of practice for family and divorce mediators.

**AIDS And Family Law:** This 12 page paper presents current guidelines of the Center for Disease Control regarding the transmission of AIDS and discusses their relevance to family law cases. This paper was approved as a policy statement of AFCC.

### FILMS/VIDEO TAPES

**\*You're Still MUM And DAD (New Zealand):** Developed by the Family Courts Association of New Zealand, this film depicts children's views about divorce and provides advice for parents on how to better relate to each other and to the children. Color, 30 minutes.

**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.

**Domestic Violence: The Crime That Tears Families Apart and Mediation: The Crucial Factor:** Produced by the Judicial Council Administrative Office of the Court of California, this two-segment video provides information for mediators and others on domestic violence and mediation.

**\*Putting The Pieces Together:** Developed by the Clackamas County Family Court Service, this video depicts the mediation of several disputes between a divorcing couple. Color, 50 minutes.

**A Family Affair:** Designed to inform judges and other professionals about the legal remedies and implications of spousal abuse. This film has received several prestigious awards for its portrayal of this sensitive family problem. Available in 16 mm or video cassette from VISUCOM Productions, Inc., 1255 Veterans Blvd., Redwood, CA 94063. Rental—\$60/3 days; Purchase—\$450.

**\*Divorce Mediation—Theory and Practice:** Co-edited by Jay Folberg and Ann Milne and published by Guilford Publications, this volume brings together a wide range of noted practitioners and researchers in one comprehensive and interdisciplinary work.

**\*Marriage, Divorce, and Children's Adjustment:** Written by Robert Emery, Ph.D., this 160 page book offers research and analysis of the family divorce process and the accompanying therapeutic and legal interventions.

**My Mom And Dad Are Getting A Divorce:** Written by Florence Bienenfeld, an AFCC member and former conciliation court counselor, this colorfully illustrated book appeals to children whose parents are going through divorce and helps parents to understand their children's feelings. Available for \$3.95 plus \$1.25 postage and handling from Changing Times Service, Division of EMC Publishing, 300 York Ave., St. Paul, MN 55101.

\*New Offerings



| <b>Pamphlets</b>  | <b>Price</b>       | <b>Quantity</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Parents Are Forever .....   | \$ .25             | _____           | _____        |
| Guide for Stepparents .....                                       | .25                | _____           | _____        |
| Joint Custody: A New Way of Being Related .....                   | .25                | _____           | _____        |
| Twenty Questions Divorcing Parents Ask About Their Children ..... | .25                | _____           | _____        |
| Is Mediation For Us? .....  | .25                | _____           | _____        |
| Child Support .....   | .25                | _____           | _____        |
| <i>Pamphlet orders over 1,000 \$ .20 each.</i> .....              | <i>each \$ .20</i> | _____           | _____        |

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| Sexual Abuse Allegations .....   | \$12.50      | _____           | _____        |
| Guidelines for Court-Connected Child Custody Evaluations .....         | 4.50         | _____           | _____        |
| Guidelines for Establishing a Court-Connected Counseling Service ..... | 3.50         | _____           | _____        |
| Model Standards of Practice for Family & Divorce Mediation .....       | 2.50         | _____           | _____        |
| AIDS & Family Law .....  | 2.50         | _____           | _____        |
| Divorce Mediation—Theory and Practice .....                            | 31.50        | _____           | _____        |
| Marriage, Divorce, and Children's Adjustment .....                     | 12.95        | _____           | _____        |

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| You're Still MUM & DAD (New Zealand version) .....   | \$125.00     | _____           | _____        |
| You're Still Mom & Dad .....   | 125.00       | _____           | _____        |
| Domestic Violence: The Crime That Tears Families Apart <i>and</i><br>Mediation: The Crucial Factor ..... | 125.00       | _____           | _____        |
| Custody Resolution Counseling .....  | 125.00       | _____           | _____        |
| Putting the Pieces Together .....  | 125.00       | _____           | _____        |

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## Israel to Hold Divorce Conference

March 1992 has been selected as the date for an international congress on **Inter-disciplinary Approaches to Divorce** sponsored by the Israel Association for Marital and Family Therapy. AFCC member Susan Zaidel, chair of the Israel Association, stated that conference topics will include psychological, social and legal perspectives, mediation, therapeutic interventions, cross-cultural studies and bi-nuclear families. Organized tours are being planned for Israel and Egypt. For further information contact Israel Association for Marital and Family Therapy, P.O.B. 3419, Bat-Yam, Israel 59133.

## Upcoming Events

December 6-8, 1989  
**AFCC Northeast Regional Conference**  
Tremont House Hotel  
Boston, MA  
Contact: Tim Salius  
Family Division  
28 Grand St.  
Hartford, CT 06106  
(203) 566-8187

December 6-10, 1989  
**Mediation Training**  
Contact: Haynes Mediation Associates  
161 E. Main St.  
Huntington, NY 11743  
(513) 385-2490

January 3-7, 1990  
**Mediation Training**  
AFCC Technical Assistance  
Robert Benjamin  
Indianapolis, IN  
Contact: Ellen Rudd  
City County Bldg., Rm. 742  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
(317) 236-3858

January 27-30, 1990 (Ann Arbor, MI)  
February 17-20, 1990 (Park Ridge, IL)  
**Mediation Training**  
Carl Schneider and Zena Zumeta  
Contact: Darlene Knick  
1875 Dempster St., Ste. 365  
Park Ridge, IL 60068  
(708) 696-6023

January 28-30, 1990  
**AFCC Southwest Regional Conference**  
Sonoma Mission Inn  
Contact: Mary Duryee  
Family Court Services  
Alameda County  
1221 Oak St.  
Oakland, CA 94602  
(415) 874-6284

February 22-24, 1990  
**AFCC Northwest Regional Conference**  
Portland Hilton  
Contact: James Dudley  
Family Services  
Multnomah County Courthouse  
1021 S W 4th Ave.  
Portland, OR 97204  
(503) 248-3189

March 15-17, 1990  
**American Psychology-Law Society**  
Williamsburg, VA  
Contact: Kathy Pzslzy  
Law and Psychology Program  
209 Burnett Hall  
University Nebraska  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68588

March 21-23, 1990  
**ABA Conference on Family Dispute Resolution**  
Miami Beach  
Contact: Frederick Woods  
ABA Standing Committee on Dispute Resolution  
1800 M Street N.W., Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 331-2258

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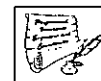
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May 30-June 2, 1990

### AFCC Annual Meeting

Winnipeg, CANADA

Contact: Lorraine Martin

Family Conciliation, 9th Floor

405 Broadway Ave.

Winnipeg, Manitoba CANADA R3C 3L6

(204) 945-7236

June 11-13, 1990

### Interdisciplinary Cooperation in Family Proceedings

York, England

Contact: Tony Wells

Albion Chambers Annex

Small Street

Bristol, England BS1 1BZ

(0272) 264608

or Tim Salius

28 Grand Street

Hartford, CT 06106

(203) 566-8187

September 20-22, 1990

### AFCC Northcentral Conference and Mid-year Board Mtg.

Marriott Plaza

Kansas City, MO

Contact: Carol Roeder-Esser

10755 Oakmont

Overland Park, KS 66210

(913) 831-2550

Fall 1990

### AFCC Southeast Regional Conference

Charleston, SC

Contact: Frank Laney

P.O. Box 12806

Raleigh, NC 27605

(919) 828-0561

or

Julie and Cotton Harness, III

960 Cliffwood Dr.

Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

(803) 884-6473

May 22-25, 1991

### AFCC Annual Meeting

Pittsburgh, PA

Contact: Hon. Lawrence Kaplan

Family Division

604 City-County Bldg.

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

(412) 355-7127

October 21-24, 1990

### Family Mediation Canada & AFCC NE Regional

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Contact: Hon. R. James Williams

Family Court

P.O. Box 1253

Dartmouth, NS Canada B2Y 3B9

(902) 424-4630

or Paul Young

(519)836-7750

November 1990

### AFCC Northcentral Regional Conference

Boulder, CO

Contact: Byrnee Gluckstern

1050 S. Monaco #16

Denver, CO 80224

(303) 730-7227

September 4-7, 1991

### AFCC Southwest Regional Conference

Albuquerque, NM

Contact: Debra Miller

Court Clinic

415 Tijeras, Northwest

Room G-03

Albuquerque, NM 87103

(505) 841-7409

or

Pat Dixon

Conciliation Court

201 W. Jefferson

Phoenix, AZ 85003

(602) 262-3296

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### Interdisciplinary Approaches to Divorce

Israel Association for Marital and Family Therapy

Contact: Israel Assoc. for Marital

and Family Therapy

P.O.B. 3419

Bat Yam, Israel 59133

May 1992

### AFCC Annual Conference

San Diego, CA

Contact: Murray Bloom

1501 6th Ave.

San Diego, CA 92101

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