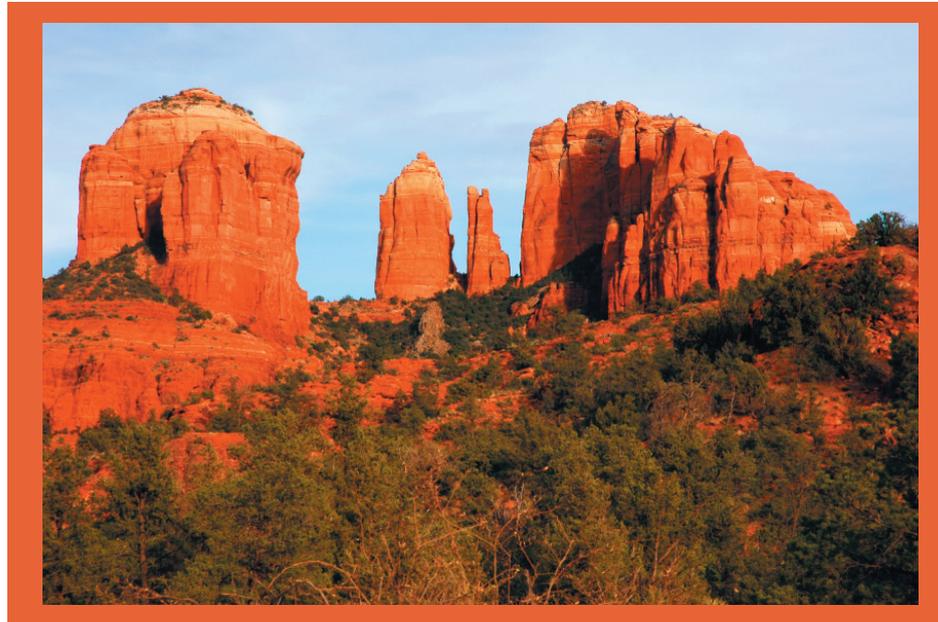


*Arizona Association of Family & Conciliation Courts
29th Annual Conference*

*Up and Down Families
in
Up and Down Times*



The Arizona Association of Family & Conciliation Courts Conference provides a leading-edge forum that features expert presenters, the latest research, and solutions. Join us in Sedona, Arizona, February 5 -7, 2010!



Hilton Sedona Resort and Spa
90 Ridge Trail Drive - Sedona, AZ 86351



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Conference Price & Registration

The conference registration fee for AzAFCC members is \$195. This fee covers attendance at all continental breakfasts, plenary sessions and workshops as well as the hospitality room. AzAFCC is committed to giving members great value and great programs at a very reasonable price and has continued the conference price freeze policy for the second year. Non-registered guests may attend all meals for an additional \$65.

Prior to the conference, materials will be available at no charge for download through a link to be provided upon receipt of registration. Conference materials may also be ordered using the registration form. A binder of the materials will be provided at the conference to those who have pre-ordered it, for the cost of \$25.

Hotel Accommodations

The Hilton Sedona Resort and Spa is located at 90 Ridge Trail Drive, Sedona, Arizona 86351. Their phone number is 928-284-4040.

Conference room rates are \$189 per night plus tax for either a standard room (single or double) or one bedroom suite (single or double). Conference rates will be guaranteed through **January 5, 2010**. Space is limited so book early. Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Hilton Sedona and Spa Resort. Be sure to indicate that you are attending the AzAFCC Annual Conference to receive the conference rate.

Social Events

In addition to stimulating educational curriculum, the conference opens with a Reception following the Opening Plenary Address on Friday evening. As usual, a hospitality suite will be available for socializing after all events. Friday's reception will also host a Silent Auction with final bidding to close on Saturday evening. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER FOR OUR ORGANIZATION.

Scholarships

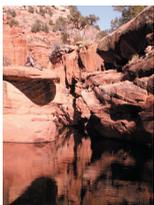
AzAFCC is sponsoring a number of scholarships for the conference. They include both full and partial (conference fee only) scholarships. Recipients will be chosen based upon financial need and/or their status as students. Interested applicants should apply by contacting Rebecca Stahl at rmstahl@gmail.com.

Continuing Education

This training may qualify for eight CEU and CLE units, of which two units are of ethics. The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) parent organization is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. AFCC maintains responsibility for this program and its content.



Join us for a Pre-Conference Institute & Friday Night Plenary!



PRE CONFERENCE INSTITUTE

Friday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Intensive Interventions for High Conflict Co-parents

Matt Sullivan, Ph.D.

This institute will present a conceptual model for understanding the dynamics of high conflict families stuck in the divorce transition. Interventions to assist them to create and implement shared parenting plans will be provided. Parallel parenting plans, highly structured communication protocols and the Parenting Coordination role will be focused on and are considered essential to protect children from ongoing exposure to their parent's conflict.

PLENARY SESSION

Friday 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

A "Back-Room Expert" Reflects on the Realities of the CPS/Dependency System in Arizona

Maria Hoffman, M.C., M.E.A., Director, Legislative Office of Family Advocacy

Ms. Hoffman will compare and contrast the CPS/dependency system with that of the family law/custody system, including the behavioral health system. She will provide a brief outline of how the Arizona Legislative process works and share helpful tips for staying abreast of important professional developments in our state's legislative system.



Up and Down Families in Up and Down Times Program Overview

Friday, February 5, 2010

- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Registration
- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Pre-Conference Institute: Matt Sullivan, Ph.D.
Intensive Interventions for High Conflict Co-parents
- 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Plenary Session:
Maria Hoffman, M.C., M.E.A., Director, Legislative Office of Family Advocacy
A "Back-Room Expert" Reflects on the Realities of the CPS/Dependency System in Arizona
- 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Reception/Silent Auction
- 8:30 pm - ?? pm Hospitality Suite
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Saturday, February 6, 2010

- 8:00 am - 8:45 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:45 am - 9:00 am Opening Remarks: David McPhee, Ph.D.
- 9:00 am - 10:30 am Opening Plenary Session: 30 Years of Research on Child Custody and Policy Implications
Presenter: William V. Fabricius, Ph.D. Moderator: David McPhee, Ph.D.
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Saturday Workshops

10:45 am - 12:15 pm Workshops

- A1: Triage Services: What Services and When
- A2: Beyond Ozzie & Harriet:
Challenges Facing Non-Traditional Families
- A3: Family Court Services and Preserving Family Resources

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Luncheon

1:45 pm - 3:15 pm Workshops

- B1: Deposing Experts
- B2: Legitimate Anger/Despicable Behavior
- B3: Children in Divorce: Listening to Children,
Helping Children Understand

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Workshops

- C1: Navajo Peacemakers:
Traditional Solutions to Modern Problems
- C2: Point-Counterpoint on 50/50 Presumption
- C3: How Temporary are Temporary (dis) orders

5:15 pm-6:00 pm:

AzAFCC Annual Membership Meeting

8:30 pm - ?: Hospitality

Sunday, February 7, 2010

8:30 am - 9:00 am: Continental Breakfast

9:00 am - 11:00 am Ethics Workshops:

- D1: At Risk Professionals: Attorney & Judicial Ethics
in the Family Court Law Context
- D2: Mental Health Ethics: Court Ordered Therapy
- D3: Ethical Challenges in Family Mediation

11:00 am Conference Adjournment



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Educational Programs

Saturday, February 6, 2010
Workshops A: 10:45 - 12:15

A1: Triage Services: What Services and When

Moderator: Faren R. Akins, Ph.D., J.D.

Panel: David Weinstock, J.D., Ph.D., Diana R. Hegyi, L.C.S.W.,
Honorable Hugh E. Hegyi

Self-represented parties and attorneys for parents sometimes struggle to determine what services they need and want a court to order. This workshop provides a simple structure flowchart ("You need 'X' when you've got 'Y'") for analyzing case needs and making appropriate court orders and referrals.

A2: Beyond Ozzie & Harriet:

Challenges Facing Non-Traditional Families

Moderator: Barbara Atwood, J.D.

Panel: Ira Ellman, J.D., Wayne Regina, Psy.D.,
Honorable Rhonda Repp

This workshop will help participants develop a good knowledge of the legal rights of de facto parents, the legal status of sperm and egg donors, and the implications of Hochmuth v. Fridlund-Horne, 2009 WS 995794 [Ariz. Ct. App 2009]. The panel will explore the psychological implications of de facto parent/child relationships and the psychological impact on participants when such relationships are unilaterally terminated. This panel will help participants become familiar with the challenges facing all professionals in working with the break-up of non-traditional families.

A3: Family Court Services and Preserving Family Resources

Moderator: Jack Moran, Ph.D.

Panel: Honorable Carey Hyatt, Honorable Elaine Fridlund-Horne,
Grace M. Hawkins, LCSW, ACSW

In response to the rising cost of litigation and the initiative from AFCC for brief focused evaluations, family courts and mental health professionals in private practice have developed more cost efficient services. This workshop looks at models from across the state for services that reduce costs and court appearances. Maricopa County outsourced Conciliation Services assessments and mental health providers in private practice developed Limited Family Assessments as an alternative to custody evaluations. Pima County developed a triage model for referrals to Conciliation Court for evaluations, implemented an in-house parent education program and has outside contracts for supervised visitation services and drug testing. Coconino County contracted for tailored therapeutic services for parents and children. As part of their Integrated Family Court pilot program, they developed the Family Law Assistance Program resulting in additional pro bono contributions from attorneys and two levels of parenting education programs - one for high conflict families and one for children and teens.

Workshops B: 1:45 - 3:15

B1: Deposing Experts

Moderator: Helen Davis, J.D.

Panel: Annette Burns, J.D., Helen Davis, J.D., John Scialli, M.D.

Attorneys and mental health professionals of all levels can benefit from real life examples of effective deposition and trial testimony, along with pitfalls. This workshop will demonstrate what works, the traps that exist for the unwary (or unprepared), and the most effective ways to assist the trier of fact.

B2: Legitimate Anger/Despicable Behavior

Presenters: Honorable Bruce R. Cohen, Marlene Joy, Ph.D.

Anger and bitterness are foreseeable emotions arising in divorce and custody-related proceedings. These emotions often give rise to behaviors that are viewed to be inappropriate. We must therefore ask how we as professionals should assess the relevance of the behaviors to the custody recommendations and determinations.

B3: Children In Divorce:

Listening to Children, Helping Children Understand

Moderator: Rebecca Stahl, J.D.,

Panel: Laura Belleau, J.D., Rebecca Stahl, J.D., Barbara Atwood, J.D.,
Marie Piccarreta, J.D.

This workshop will explore judicial considerations of children's views in custody disputes including the law; the role of children's representatives; how to provide information to children; incorporating children's views in divorce mediation; and, the developmental needs of children and how to appropriately engage their voice and provide them information.

Workshops C: 3:30 - 5:00

C1: Navajo Peacemakers:

Traditional Solutions to Modern Problems

Moderator: Kathy McCormick, C.P.

Panel: Phyllis T. Begay, Lenore A. Webber, M.A.,

This workshop explores the Navajo Peacemaking process and the role restorative justice has in the Navajo Court System. Develop cultural awareness and how Peacemaking encourages outcomes through a way of thinking and living rather than a legal process. This panel analyzes and evaluates the components of Peacemaking and State Alternative Dispute Resolutions to see how they compare and how outcomes are anticipated.

C2: Point-Counterpoint on 50/50 Presumption

Moderator: To Be Selected From the Audience

Panel: Barbara Atwood, J.D., Edith Croxen, J.D.,
William Fabricius, Ph.D., Philip M. Stahl, Ph.D.,

This session explores the pros and cons of a legislative presumption of equal physical custody for mothers and fathers at divorce or separation. The format will be a legislative hearing during which presenters - "expert witnesses" in family law and psychology - will take opposing sides on a proposed joint physical custody bill. The audience will play the role of a state legislative body, and members of the "legislature" will have ample opportunity to question the witnesses about their testimony. At the conclusion of the presentations, the legislative body will discuss and then vote on the proposal.

C3: How Temporary are Temporary (dis) Orders?

Moderator: Kiilu Davis, J.D.

Panel: Honorable Scott McCoy, Gloria Cales, J.D.

Legal professionals often ask for Temporary Orders understanding that final Orders may change. But how often do the final orders differ from the Temporary Orders issued? Through open discussion and practical application, this workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss and explore the "temporary" in Temporary Orders. Temporary Orders need not be (Dis)orders.

Sunday, February 7, 2010
Ethics Workshops D: 9:00 - 11:00

D1: At-Risk Professionals:

Attorney & Judicial Ethics in the Family Law Context

Moderator: Honorable K.C. Stanford

Presenter: Susan Kettlewell, J.D.

This seminar will present 1.5 hours of attorney and .5 hour of judicial ethics in the family law context. The program will increase participants' ability to identify and solve common ethical challenges for the bar and the bench. Learn where your ethical duties begin and end. What mistakes have others made? How can I not repeat them? Explore practical tips to stay out of trouble.

D2: Mental Health Ethics:

Court-Ordered Therapy

Faren R. Akins, Ph.D., J.D., Matt Sullivan, Ph.D.

AFCC assembled a working committee to help develop guidelines for court-ordered therapists. Dr. Sullivan is a member of that committee and will review ethical issues that therapists frequently must confront when court-ordered to perform services within the context of family law matters. He will also discuss issues that can arise when a therapist provides services within the forensic context, but without the benefit of a court-ordered assignment.

D3: Ethical Challenges in Family Mediation

Moderator: Kathy McCormick, C.P.

Presenter: Joy R. Borum, J.D.

Mediators often confront numerous ethical challenges in family and dependency mediations. This workshop will consider challenging situations mediators face that involve suitability of cases for mediation, impartiality and neutrality of the mediator, confidentiality of mediation communications, full disclosure, empowerment, self-determination and more. The Model Standards of Practice for Family and Divorce Mediation will be provided and the panel and audience will explore how these standards apply to practical situations.



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