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MISSOURI CHILD SUPPORT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

MCSEA

Who is MCSEA's longest standing member?

This mystery person has been with us since the beginning of MCSEA. Let your mind wonder to discover who this person is. The quest is yours! Take the Adventure!!

This individual will be announced during the President's Banquet.



How do I register for Conference?

Navigate to our website using the link below and you're on your way!

<https://www.mcseasonline.org/book-online>

YOU'RE INVITED

The Seven Wonders of Child Support!

Join us as we travel to see the "wonders"

- > Case Initiation - Taj Mahal, India, Symbol of Eternal Love
- > Paternity - Machu Picchu, Peru, The Lost City of the Incas
- > Establishment - Great Wall of China, China
- > Enforcement - Chichen Itza, Mexico, Ancient Mayan City
- > Modification - Colosseum, Rome Italy
- > Judicial Process and Legal Referrals – Christ the Redeemer
- > Intergovernmental Services - Petra, Jordan- Historic City, Cultural City

The 2022 MCSEA Board would like to invite you on an adventure. An "Around the World in 80 Days" type of a trip; with steamer ships, planes, hot air balloons, stacks of trunks, and old world maps...

We are going to spend four days traveling to visit the monuments of our success, and seek a vision for the future. There is no telling what we can do if we dare to try. Missouri has always been willing to not only try, but to take the lead. To build something new. To cross an ocean. To fly into unknown territory, in an untested mode of transportation, in order to make progress and discover the next big thing. So come along with us as we set out to find lost motivation, look for new inspiration and ideas, to solve old mysteries, and to honor the past but build our future.



We are looking forward to celebrating our 45th Anniversary with you. So, pack your trunk, grab your binoculars and camera, throw in the treasure map, and do not forget evening attire for the President's Awards Banquet... make ready for our great adventure!

President - Elect Announces Conference Sessions

MCSEA is gearing up for a fabulous 45th Anniversary Conference this fall; we cannot wait to see you! We hope you are making plans to join us because we have lined up some of the most interesting, topnotch, speakers and sessions. We know you will find the whole experience enlightening and beneficial, not to mention, FUN!

I am pleased to announce that MCSEA will host Ms. Tangler Gray, Commissioner, OCSE, Administration of Children and Families at this year's Annual Training Conference. She will travel from Washington, D.C. to join us as our keynote speaker at opening session. We are humbled by the opportunity to have Ms. Gray visit our state. We know not every state is afforded this opportunity, and it is our great privilege to introduce her to our people and show off Missouri's Child Support Program.

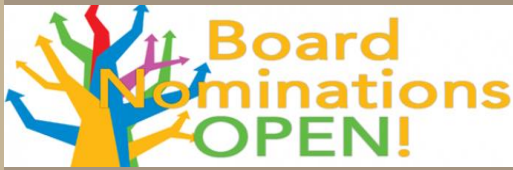
Additionally, through collaboration with the Fathers and Family Support Center, and the hard work of Cherri Tillis, CEO, MCSEA is excited to offer sessions in the Responsible Parenthood and Fatherhood track of learning this year. Cherri will join us at opening session to deliver a message of welcome and the sessions she has lined up for this learning track are nothing short of amazing! This year's Annual Training Conference will be an opportunity for everyone to come together; to learn, collaborate, and work together in an effort to better serve the families of Missouri.

Other amazing speakers, such as, the Executive Director of M.A.R.C.H. Mediation Services, Dawn Kuhlman, will join us to provide two sessions. This is not the same old M.A.R.C.H. that it once was, so both of her sessions will be a "do not miss!". We were also very lucky to snag Ms. Lynda Dillard, Federal OCSE FPLS Liaison to Missouri. Have you heard about the Electronic Documents Exchange? Do you have questions about how to make use of all the resources available to you when faced with an intergovernmental case? Lynda is the master, and she's sharing her knowledge with us, so be there or forfeit your right to know!

Also, a special guest from Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation, Cathy Kocian, will be sharing how to help clients who seem to have more barriers than others. Cathy will provide advice and skills to help break these barriers as you assist Missouri families. Last, but certainly not least, our friends Justin Mettlen and Chris Wray (our Chris Wray, not to be confused with the FBI's Chris Wray) are returning this year to provide amazing CLE courses; in addition to, a host of other new and familiar faces....we have them all!

And, as if all of this wasn't exciting enough, we will be at a new venue -The Regalia Hotel & Conference Center in the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks. The fabulous scenery, areas to congregate, and an indoor pool provide an excellent environment for meeting new friends at Hospitality Night on Tuesday, and the President's Award Banquet on Thursday evening. This is going to be a year you will not want to miss – so make your plans now to attend! We look forward to seeing you there!

Vicky Randle,
MCSEA President-Elect



MCSEA Election for 2023 >>>

MCSEA Elections for 2023 will be held November 15th and 16th at MCSEA's 2022 Annual Training Conference

The offices of President-Elect, Secretary, and Region Directors of Regions II, IV, VI, VIII, X, and XII are up for election. Any member in good standing (dues paid for 2022) may nominate an individual for any elected office within the MCSEA. For more information review MCSEA's Constitution and By Laws on our web site www.mcseainline.org.

Nominations shall be made to the President, or the Nominations Committee Chair, by October 31st. Nominated individuals must be a member in good standing, or become a member, prior to accepting the nomination. Nominations may be emailed to mcsea77@gmail.com.

Dori Moore,
MCSEA President



AWARD NOMINATIONS

Making Others Feel Valued



Each year MCSEA provides an opportunity for you to recognize a co-worker for their outstanding service to the Missouri Child Support Program and/or MCSEA. There are six award categories to choose from, and I am confident you can find the right award to recognize a deserving co-worker.

Nominations should outline the reason(s) why you feel the individual is deserving of the award. The more information you provide the better, so don't hold back! A [Nomination Form](#) should be submitted for each award/individual being nominated and forms must be submitted via email to Babbette.M.Marsh@dss.mo.gov no later than 10.14.2022.

Nominations are reviewed and voted upon by the MCSEA Awards Committee comprised of representatives from each MCSEA region. Awards will be presented at MCSEA's 45th President's Awards Banquet on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6:00pm.

Babbette Marsh,
MCSEA Awards Committee Chairperson

Kids in the Middle

Empowering Children & Families

One of the most wonderful activities we have at MCSEA's Annual Training Conference is the raffle to benefit a Missouri children's charity. It gives us yet another opportunity to serve the children in our communities and this year's charity recipient, Kids in the Middle (KITM), speaks directly to the families we work with every day..

Everyone working in Child Support works hard to help families receive the support they need from both parents so they are able to learn and grow into the adults they are meant to become. We assist parents, both the parent paying and the parent receiving support, address the barriers to meeting their parental obligations, so they are better able to be parents, together and separately. Kids in the Middle serves these same families.

KITM is a nationally accredited agency that exists to assist children, parents, and families' transition to a new way of life before, during, and after separation and divorce. Their mission is to help families move forward, create and achieve new family goals, and enable them to transition to a healthy, balanced future. Kids in the Middle offers educational and supportive services such as individual and family counseling as well as parenting classes. Counseling will address the mental, cognitive, and behavioral health of children whose families are in transition to a new family life. These services teach positive coping skills, to empower and support the family as they move through this life changing process. Because KITM utilizes a unique policy of not releasing case records with specific information, this allows therapists to remain neutral; to just "be there" to ensure children and their families have a safe, confidential, and nurturing environment to work through their feelings.

Please join us as we support Kids in the Middle by bringing a donation to be raffled. It won't matter if it's a fully put together basket or a single item that needs to be combined with something else, we can make use of anything! And, as always, come ready to buy those raffle tickets!!!

The 2022 MCSEA Board and I look forward to seeing you in the vendor hall!!!

Donna Jo Prather Rhoads
MCSEA Vice President



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As President of the Missouri Child Support Education Association (MCSEA), I would like to cordially invite each of you to the 45th Annual Training Conference. I became involved with MCSEA to meet child support workers with the same passion as I have, and to help bring educational opportunities that support the selfless work we do each day. A lot of heart and hard work has gone into planning this year's conference, especially since it is a big year for MCSEA.

Started by the employees in 1977, MCSEA is one of the oldest professional child support organizations in the nation. Missouri has always been a pioneer of building a solid foundation in moving forward and MCSEA has been there through it all. MCSEA supports you, the child support professional, by sponsoring educational opportunities for both professional and personal growth.

The MCSEA board, and I, are proud to partner with the State of Missouri, the employees across the state, and all of our partners who help make conference possible. We are excited to celebrate how far we have come as an organization and all the essential work you do for the children and families of Missouri.

All of us at MCSEA sincerely hope you will make plans to attend our 45th Annual Training Conference, November 15-18, 2022, being held at The Regalia Hotel and Conference Center, located at 250 Racquet Club Drive, Lake Ozark, MO (573) 723-3000). Suggested conference attire is business casual and the President's Banquet is semi-formal.

Take this opportunity to attend some of the best sessions we have ever had. Are you on board? – Because adventure is waiting for you!

Dori Moore,
MCSEA 45th President



Conference Q & A

Does the hotel provide free breakfast?

No, but they do have a restaurant on site with affordable breakfast options, a coffee bar, and a refrigerator and coffee maker in each guest room

What is there to do at the hotel on my free time?

The hotel has the following amenities on site:

Indoor Pool	Bourbon & Cigar Room
Karaoke	Bingo
Pool Table	Video Games
Foosball Table	Fitness Center

Can I leave the hotel?

Absolutely! In addition to the wonderful amenities offered at the hotel, you can also venture to area attractions the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks has to offer.

What should I bring to conference?

Great question! There are a few things you will want to bring, here is a short list:

Money	Notebook & Pen
Charger/Batteries	Comfortable Shoes
Business Cards	Reusable Water Bottle
Sweater/Jacket	Leisure Clothes

MCSEA MISSION...

The mission of the Missouri Child Support Education Association is to enrich the lives of Missouri's child support professionals by sponsoring quality educational programs, highlighting the importance of the child support programs and legislation as well as cultivating relationships between the Family Support Division and its partners.



The Missouri Child Support Enforcement Association advances the child support enforcement program and related programs involving the best interest of children. The Association shall promote the advancement and education of its members and others involved in these programs. The Association will work toward improving child support procedures and cooperation among Missouri regional, national and international agencies, private companies and other entities. The Association will promote, facilitate and improve the administration of Missouri's child support program so that more children benefit from meaningful involvement with their parents. Visit our website: mcaseonline.org

**Missouri Child Support
Education Association**

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The Wonder of it all...

Each year I look forward to another conference. The past two years I've worried that conference wouldn't be possible. I should know better; we are resourceful, resilient and steadfast. 45 years proves that. Happy Anniversary MCSEA! Whether this is your first conference or your 45th, I believe you will see why I describe the members of MCSEA this way. We are also dedicated, educated and inquisitive.

MCSEA is a "non-profit training organization dedicated to the well-being of Missouri children and inspiring excellence in child support professionals, Family Support Division employees, and other partnerships dedicated to the success of our program." Our theme, the 7 Wonders of Child Support exemplifies the purpose of MCSEA. Every specialty is a wonder in itself. Together they make up the child support program. Some specialties seem quite mysterious and fascinating. Some appear basic at first glance until you learn more about them and realize their history and then *bask in the wonder*.

Some attendees may consider this a theme about building the wonders, they are the creators, designers, inventors. Others may be thinking of this theme as a discoverer, an investigator. They enjoy problem solving. A few may see this as visiting the Wonders, they are the explorers and adventurers. They want to know how things work, always wanting to learn more. And then there are those who ignore the theme. They are here for the sessions; all business. "Where do I sign in?" That's o.k. too.

I will be there for the wonder of it all, the people, the learning, the activities, the food, the attire, the enjoyment of being with other people who share the desire to help Missouri's children and families. MCSEA is here for all of our *wonderful* members and attendees. Join us at the Regalia Hotel and Conference Center, November 15-18. Help us celebrate our 45th anniversary.

Kerensa Morrow-Kempf
MCSEA Past President

final thoughts... Don't forget to submit your MCSEA Board & Award Nominations!
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