

Missouri Child Support Education Association Newsletter

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MCSEA 49th Annual Conference

MCSEA invites you to join!

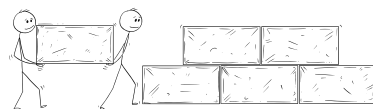
Meet new people, network, and expand your knowledge by attending.

**49th Annual Missouri Child Support Education Association
Conference 2026**

*Stoney Creek Hotel, 2601 S Providence Rd, Columbia, MO.
65203*

October 20-23, 2026

"Building the Future Together"



Topic and Speaker Suggestions

Do you have a topic or speaker you want to see at conference this year? Let us know! Please send your ideas to Donna Jo Prather-Rhoads or Nikki Hartley.

**In this newsletter
you can expect:**

2026 Conference
Details

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Members

Upcoming Events

Awards
Descriptions

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And More!

Construction Fun!

- My Boss asked me to attach two pieces of wood together... Now I am getting a promotion because I totally nailed it!
- What do nervous carpenters do? Bite their nails!
- Why don't plumbers share secrets? They don't like to leak information!
- Why do electricians make the best friends? They know how to Conduct themselves!
- Hey, do you guys want to hear a few more jokes? Well, you will have to wait until next quarter's newsletter because they are under construction!

Construction Facts!

- Because metal expands when it gets heated, the Eiffel Tower "grows" during the summers months by 15 centimeters which is almost 6 inches!
- The Empire State Building contains an astonishing 10 million individual bricks!

Helpful Information

What is MCSEA?

The Missouri Child Support Education Association (MCSEA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that promotes the advancement and education of its members and others involved in the administration of child support programs and the delivery of their services.

How Can I Become a Member?

To be a member you must be:

- A current or retired employee of the Family Support Division Child Support;
- A current or retired employee of a contract partner of Child Support; or
- A current or retired employee of a circuit clerk office doing the work of child support.

Visit the MCSEA website (listed at the bottom of the page), go to the Membership tab, and sign up for a one year membership for \$10.

Consider Attending Townhall in your Area

MCSEA Townhalls are a one-day event where you can meet your regional members and listen to speakers talk about child support related topics. There is an opportunity to buy raffle tickets and MCSEA apparel. Anyone who is a current MCSEA member or joins MCSEA the day they are attending their local townhall will be entered to win an all-inclusive MCSEA Conference registration!

2026 Golf Tournament

MCSEA is driving for success with our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Eagle Knoll Golf Course!

This event raises money for MCSEA to send our dedicated child support workers to Conference and support Child Support Awareness Month, our Children's Charity, and other support MCSEA's yearly Conference activities. Check out our photos below from last year. We had a professional golfer from Pin High Golf come out and give our players some competition!

Location

Eagle Knoll Golf Course 5757 E. Eagle knoll Dr.
Hartsburg, MO. 65039

Time

Shotgun start at 8:00am

When

Saturday, June 27, 2026

Website

www.eagleknoll.com

Click [here](#) to sign up to register yourself or a team.

Click [here](#) to become a sponsor.

Refer a team who registers, receive a free MCSEA t-shirt!

Raffle Items, 50/50 Drawing, Door Prizes

Pin High Golf will have a long drive professional who will drive for you at hole 17 for a donation. This would help to give your team an advantage!

Check out what they do:

<https://www.golfpinhigh.com/>

Registration includes

Greens fees, cart, lunch with beverage, and a swag bag.
Great prizes!

Want to Play?

To be a sponsor or register yourself or a team, visit the MCSEA website, click the "Events" tab, and "2026 Golf Tournament".

Know Someone Who Would Want to Sponsor?

Title Sponsor ~~\$1,500~~

Sponsor a Hole - \$200

Booth Sponsor - \$300

Team + Hole Sponsor \$500.00

Drink Sponsor ~~\$1,000.00~~

Lunch Sponsor ~~\$1,200.00~~

Closest to Pin Sponsor ~~\$50.00~~

Longest Drive Sponsor ~~\$50.00~~



MCSEA Townhall Meeting Dates

Speakers to include the training unit, policy, systems, a presentation from our 2026 charity, a mental health speaker, and a state representative.

Topics to include MACSS modernization!

[Jefferson City \[Regions 5 & 10\]](#)

Wednesday, June 3
3515 Amazonas Drive, Jefferson City, MO. 65109

[Springfield \[Regions 6 & 12\]](#)

Tuesday, June 30
46533 S Campbell Springfield, MO. 65810

[St. Louis \[Regions 1, 3, & 9\]](#)

Tuesday, July 14
Page office

[Memphis \[Regions 4 & 8\]](#)

Wednesday, June 17
1 Child Support Lane Memphis, MO. 63555

[Kansas City \[Regions 7 & 11\]](#)

Monday, July 27
Old Clay Co. Court House, Commission Meeting Rm. 1
Courthouse Square Liberty MO 64068

[Cape Girardeau \[Region 2\]](#)

Thursday, July 23
2289 Country Park Dr. Cape Girardeau, MO. 63701



Child Support Refresher!

Duck! You're about to get hit with some child support knowledge! (Quack, I mean quick facts you may not know...or remember!)

In child support, IV-D (pronounced "four-D") refers to a the section of the federal Social Security Act that established the child support program. It designates a child support case managed or assisted by the state government Missouri provides the following services:

Missouri Child provides services to:

- Locate parents who owe child support
- Establish paternity (legal fatherhood)
- Establish, modify, and enforce child support and medical support orders
- Collect and distribute child support payments
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Typically, the custodial parent request a child support case be opened but did you know that non-custodial parents can request a case be opened too? Opening a case as the NCP can be helpful if:

- (S)he wants to establish legal paternity for your child
- (S)he needs help arranging and tracking consistent child support payments directly to the custodial parent
- (S)he is attempting to get child support payments officially adjusted or reviewed due to a recent change in your income or employment status
- (S)he wish to ensure there is an official, impartial record of the payments you make (which is especially useful in protecting against claims of unpaid support)

Missouri determines the amount using the Income Shares Model, which assumes a child should receive the same proportion of parental income as if the parents lived together.

Family Support Division, Child Support policy unit uses the state's statutes to write actionable administrative policies.

RSMo stands for Revised Statutes of Missouri. The laws in the Missouri Revised Statutes are passed by the Missouri General Assembly, which consists of the Missouri House of Representatives and the Missouri Senate.

Awards Preview

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER - The award recognizes a MCSEA member who has provided outstanding and dedicated service to the association for a period of not less than 5 years

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - The award recognizes an individual who, at the time of nomination, has been employed with FSD, a circuit clerk's office, or a prosecuting attorney's office for less than 2 years and has shown by his/her dedication that (s)he is committed to Missouri's child support enforcement program.

MCSEA HORIZON AWARD - This award recognizes an individual who uses their tenure to expand their dedication to the support of children, families and MCSEA. This can be someone who expands his or her interest and involvement outside the office, with the same dedication seen within the office. This individual could also be someone who takes on additional duties to help the child support program prosper.

MCSEA MENTOR AWARD - This award recognizes an individual who uses their knowledge and abilities to expand the same in others.

MCSEA CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADVOCATE AWARD - This award recognizes advocacy at any level, in any office, organization, vendor, etc.

SANDI MOELLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD - Sandi Moeller's presence always improved the mood of the Columbia office. She made people feel better when she was around. She just wanted to do her job the best she could to help people. She had little patience for those who abused their power to avoid their moral and legal obligations. She was smart, studied, and experienced enough to figure out how to best do what ought to be done. She cared nothing for office politics and the daily polishing of resumes that bogs down too many talented people in government. Sandi just wanted to do the right thing. The recipient of the MCSEA scholarship in Sandi's memory will have demonstrated similar qualities, along with a predisposition to continue the excellence and dedication that Sandi did until the day she left us.

THE MICHAEL SHORTRIDGE LEGACY AWARD - This award honors the memory of Michael Shortridge, a man known for his integrity, sharp wit, and unwavering commitment to doing the right thing through the law. Mike was never pretentious, he approached his work and his colleagues with humility, humor, and a deep sense of purpose. His legacy continues to inspire those who share his dedication to justice, fairness, and service.

Watch the awards video presented by Jamie Dworaczyk by [clicking here](#).

Nominations

Secretary - Kyla Iler

Region Directors

Region 2 – replacing or re-electing – Vanna Warren

(Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Scott, Stoddard, and Wayne)

Region 4 – replacing or re-electing – Monica Wilson

(Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Linn, Macon, Marion, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, and Sullivan)

Region 6 – replacing or re-electing – Whitney Rogers

(Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Polk, Stone, Taney, Vernon, and Webster)

Region 8 – replacing or re-electing – VACANT POSITION

(Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Polk, Stone, Taney, Vernon, and Webster)

Region 10 – replacing or re-electing – Michelle Rivera

(Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Chariton, Cooper, Howard, Monroe, Montgomery, Ralls, and Randolph)

Region 12 – replacing or re-electing – Suzann Lindley

(Carter, Dent, Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Reynolds, Ripley, Shannon, Texas, and Wright)

2026 Charity

Each year during our training conference MCSEA hosts a raffle to benefit a Missouri children's charity. This year we have chosen Camp Quality USA. Their page states Camp Quality USA serves children with cancer and their families by providing year-round programs, experiences, and companionship, at no cost. Camp Quality USA promotes hope and inspiration while helping children foster life skills and develop their full potential. Our motto is 'letting kids with cancer be kids again. These aren't just programs and events, they're lifelines of laughter, friendship, and hope. Camp Quality USA has several locations in the state of Missouri where these camps and activities are held. Learn more [here](#).



Do You Know Your Region?

Region I – St. Louis City;

Region II – Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Scott, Stoddard, and Wayne;

Region III – Lincoln, Pike, St. Charles, St. Louis County, and Warren;

Region IV – Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Linn, Macon, Marion, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, and Sullivan;

Region V – Camden, Cole, Crawford, Gasconade, Laclede, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Phelps, Pulaski and Osage;

Region VI – Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Polk, Stone, Taney, Vernon, and Webster;

Region VII – Clay, Jackson, and Platte;

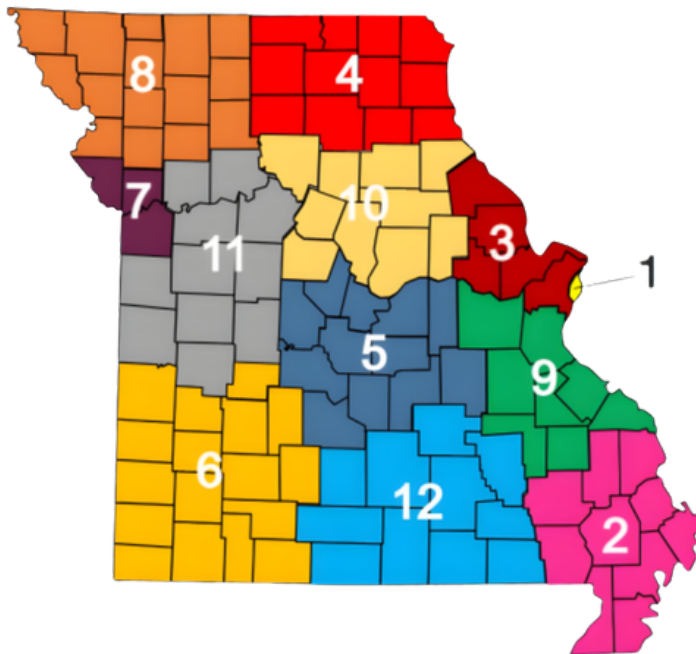
Region VIII – Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Livingston, Mercer, Nodaway, and Worth;

Region IX – Franklin, Iron, Jefferson, Madison, Perry, St. Francois, St. Genevieve, and Washington;

Region X – Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Chariton, Cooper, Howard, Monroe, Montgomery, Ralls, and Randolph

Region XI – Bates, Benton, Carroll, Cass, Henry, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, Ray, Saline, and St. Clair

Region XII – Carter, Dent, Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Reynolds, Ripley, Shannon, Texas, and Wright.



2025 MCSEA Board of Directors

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 Vice President - Donna Jo Prather-Rhoads
 Secretary - Kyla Iler
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 Immediate Past President - Danielle Earls

Region I Director - Katie Lanfersieck
 Region II Director - Vacant
 Region III Director - Tammy Wamble
 Region IV Director - Monica Wilson
 Region V Director - Daryk Gunderson
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 Region VII Director - Ashley Flood
 Region VIII Director - Vacant
 Region IX Director - Sonya Maddox
 Region X Director - Michelle Rivera
 Region XI Director - Taylor Kratz
 Region XII Director - Suzann Lindley

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"You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."
 —Winnie the Pooh

