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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mardi Houston

As we embark on a new adventure through the land of unknowns...I wonder....what will December bring, what does 2013 hold for us...will William grow up to be a Sooner or a Buff? One thing I know for sure is....CFSC IS GOING TO ROCK THE CASBAH June 2013!



I am very excited about our escapade up north to the Land of Love, aka, Loveland. We went to visit the site to confirm what we already knew... it is awesome! The property is centrally located; the conference rooms are spacious and also centrally located, and every sleeping room is a suite! There is lots of room for us to roam, and I can already see a few of us (not me) acting like kids from the balconies that all face into a beautiful atrium. This spot is fantastic! And if you don't believe me, come see for yourself!

Our 2013 conference is scheduled from June 2nd through the 5th. The agenda committee is working hard to bring you the best trainings and classes seen yet. The entertainment committee is up to their necks in boa's and tutu's. And the awards committee, well, they aren't saying!

We hope many of you will be able to participate in this year's conference. We are all working on bringing new ideas, new challenges, new trainings, and new faces to the Colorado Family Support Council. We hope you all will join in our crusade!

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2012/2013 Theme:

CSE in ♥land

This year's slogan:

"CSE HAS ♥ FOR KIDS"

Win \$50 for your artistic talents!

If you submit the **winning logo design**
for the 2013 CFSC Conference

YOU WILL WIN \$50!

*Wouldn't that come in handy at the
conference?*

Submit your entries to Christian Maddy
at
cmaddy@co.arapahoe.co.us

Entries must be camera ready

The Deadline is: 12/5/12

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

Visit our Facebook page to see pictures from last
year's conference, connect with fellow child support
workers and get the latest info from CFSC.

www.facebook.com/ColoradoCFSC

YOUR COUNCIL NEEDS YOU-
THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR

By Devonna Wolfe

I know it might seem early but
We are always looking for new
potential board members to
join our team.



Having a representative on the Board is a great
opportunity for Counties to influence the
conference so it will be valuable for their
workers.

Anyone at any level who works in the child
support world is eligible to be on the board.
Whether you are new to the program or a
tenured technician, if you are interested in
making a difference and you want to participate
with this dedicated group, please consider
pursuing a position on the board.

If you have ever had thoughts like “Why don’t
they do this differently?” “I wish they had
training on...” OR “I want to be a part of this.”
You are the type of person we are looking for.

This year we will be hosting a booth at the
Conference to share more about what we do and
to answer any questions. If you are interested
please stop by!

But since participation requires supervisory
approval, please start talking to your supervisor
now. If your supervisor supports it and your
county can spare you for one working day per
month you are just the person we are looking for
to join in our adventures.

This Issue's Trivia:

CFSC was founded in 1974

Remember this and other Trivia for a chance to
win a prize at Conference!

How can We Support your Professional Growth?

By Lupe Abeyta

Each year it amazes me how this board puts together successful conference, and this year won't be any different. This year I am responsible to come up with Professional Growth training, along with my co-chair Brenda Cain. I am asking many of you to please put on your thinking caps and let me or Brenda know what you would like to see in the Professional Growth training. You can send me or Brenda your ideas to: Lupe Abeyta either ACSES email or at labehta@bouldercounty.org. Brenda Cain, ACSES email or BCain@ywcss.com.

THE CHECK'S IN THE MAIL

The check's in the mail
The check is in the mail
And it ought to be there **Tuesday** without fail
If you have got a bill to pay
Or something you need to buy
Just write the check and send it off in the mail
Millions of Americans go out every day
With a checkbook in their purse
They might have a little cash to pay for their lunch
And a little to get home on the bus
But if they suddenly decide to make a purchase or shop
They whip it out and write out the exact amount
With some I.D., then they sign it
And they walk out with the stuff
That they paid for with their checking account

The check's in the mail
The check is in the mail
And it ought to be there **Wednesday** without fail
When you need to send some money
Do what business folk do
Just write a check and send it off in the mail
Every month you've got a little bundle to pay
Like the rent, the lights, the phone, and the car
Write 'em out for each amount and send 'em away
With an envelope and stamp they'll go far
It really is a safer way for you to pay all your bills
And so you ought to open up your own account
Your check is just a written order only you can write
That tells your bank to pay someone a certain amount

The check's in the mail
The check is in the mail

And it ought to be there **Thursday** without fail
You can keep your money moving with a flick of the wrist
And you're happy that the check's in the mail

MAILMAN: Now you may wonder what happens when you send a check to someone, and how it gets back to your bank. Well, that someone deposits your check into their account and then, through an electronic flow of digital information, your check is cleared by a central bank and comes back to your bank where, at that point, the amount is deducted from your account and paid over to theirs. So it's obvious that you've got to keep enough money in your checking account to stay in the black. Otherwise, you'll write a "hot check" and that sucker's gonna bounce -- and that's illegal!

Once a month your bank will send a statement to you
So you'll know just where you stand
Listing all your checks and charges and deposits too
To help you stay ahead and keep things in hand
And you should learn to be real careful with your checkbook and your checks
And keep track of every little amount
Now you compare your figures with the bank's
And if it all adds up
Then you can say that you have balanced your account

The check's in the mail
The check is in the mail
And it's got to be there **Friday** without fail
But just remember that you've got to have some income coming in
Before you send out all those checks in the mail

*I'm sure it'll be there next week, **sometime!***
- Bob Dorough

NOMINATE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION:

By Annamarie Escalera and Gina Reyes

Please take some time out of your busy schedules to nominate a non profit organization. Please send your nomination by ACSES or E-Mail to Gina Reyes (Gina.Reyes@co.laplata.co.us) or Lupe Abeyta (LAbeyta@BoulderCounty.org) no later than November 30, 2012. Thank you for your time in advance for submitting your nomination.

MEET THE CFSC BOARD

Mardi Houston

President

Mardi Ewing Houston grew up on the great plains of the great state of Oklahoma. Mardi graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a B.A. in Sociology in 1999. Boomer! She began her career in Child Support Enforcement in Oklahoma, August of 2000.

In March of 2003, Jefferson County Child Support Enforcement provided Mardi with an opportunity to move to Colorado and start a new life in the Rocky Mountains majesty. Mardi worked for Jefferson County for five years before taking a leap of faith to join forces at the Colorado Division of Child Support Enforcement.

Mardi currently works with the Evaluation Unit in the Policy and Evaluation Section of the Colorado Division of Child Support Enforcement. Mardi has had the pleasure of serving on the CFSC board for the past seven years.

Mardi has one son, William, one husband, Andrew, and two cats, Mailee & Norman. She dreams of the day that OU wins another BCS championship, and of course, her son attending college there.

Valeria Gonzalez

CFSC Northwest Vice President

Originally from a small town in Iowa, I graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a BA in Spanish in 1999. I moved to Portland, Oregon, where I attended and graduated from Western Culinary Institute and worked as a Bakery Manager for Il Fornaio and Elephants Delicatessen until 2006. After moving to the Roaring Fork Valley in the fall of 2006, I took a management job at The Village Smithy Restaurant until 2009, when I decided I needed a change.

When I landed a job in the child support world, little did I know how stressful, hard, and rewarding it would be! For the last 3 ½ years I have worked on the Child Support Enforcement Court team in Garfield County and this is my 2nd year on the CFSC Board and I love it! I love what I do and I know that we make a difference in the lives of children every day!

Ralph Proffit

Historian

Ralph's journey in the CSE world began in December of 2006. After spending 12 years working as a retail manager...He was due for a change. Ralph happily found a new home within the CSE program as a bookkeeper in Jefferson County. "I can't imagine being anywhere but the financial side of things."

Lupe Abeyta

Central Vice-President

I have been in child support since April 1992. I was the sole technician for the small County of Clear Creek County and did cradle to grave. I was transferred to Jefferson County in January 1994 and continued to do cradle to grave for their Gilpin County caseload. In December 2007, I had a huge move professionally when I become a Supervisor for Boulder County. With this move I supervise a team and manage our Responsible Payor Program in addition to handling a cradle to grave caseload.

Personally, I come from a large family-7 children and I was the baby. Yep, to say the least I was very spoiled...spoiled rotten. I grew up in a very small town in Arizona; one of those towns where you can't walk or drive by without waving. I always say I had the "Leave it to Beaver" family, as we sat at the table for dinner every day, Sundays the house was full of relatives that would stop by, and we would have these huge Sunday dinners.

I have been a part of Colorado Family Support Council off and on since 1996. It is sincerely an honor to be a part of the board, as I am a true believer in training. With the State Office not doing as many classroom style trainings, the Annual CFSC Conference has become more important to our technicians.

Christian Maddy

President Elect

Hello. I am grateful for this opportunity to introduce myself to all the folks in child support, both old friends and new acquaintances. This is my eleventh year in the Colorado Child Support Program. I began my CSE career essentially as a life re-boot after I was sustained a non-combat related injury while serving in United States Army as a Paralegal Specialist. My nine year military career took my all over the US and to the other side of the world, while I served in Seoul, South Korea. Since my honorable discharge I have worked for Child Support in Adams, Denver, and now Arapahoe County while working to complete my degree in communications. I look forward to visiting with all of you at both the 2013 and 2014 conferences.

Meghan Loftus

IVD Attorney Representative

Meghan is originally from Phoenix, Arizona but moved to Colorado for college graduating from Regis University in 2001 and then from the University of Denver in 2005 with her law degree. She joined Arapahoe County Child Support Enforcement in December 2006.

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COLORADO FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

The Colorado Family Support Council is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is to update and train individuals and agencies on the laws and procedures related to child support establishment and enforcement.

ADMINISTRATORS WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

We want this conference to be as valuable to your staff as possible. Please bring us your ideas and feedback and find our survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/P6R9DT5>

