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THE NEWS LETTER OF THE COLORADO FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL

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Our Mission: Training the Colorado Family Support Professional Since 1974. The Colorado Family Support Council is a non-profit cooperation whose purpose is to update and train individuals and agencies on the laws and procedures related to child support establishment and enforcement.



Mount Snowmass

A Letter From the President

Time has flown by so quickly since our last In-Basket was issued, yet so much has happened in the meantime.

As always, the board is working very hard to ensure that this years conference is the best ever! I'm happy to announce our very special guest and keynote speaker, Brad Montgomery, is returning by popular demand.

Our draft agenda is attached. If you're on the fence about attending, I'm certain that a quick glance will show all of the excellent sessions that are offered this year. It may just help you

decide to attend after all.

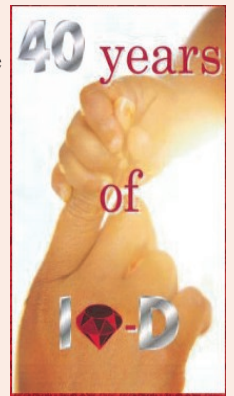
If the agenda doesn't sway you, then take a "peak" at the picture to the upper right of this article.

As you can see our location this year is breathtaking. I can't think of a better place to rejuvenate your passion for our field.

Time is running short. The hotel will no longer accept reservations at our discounted rate after May 2, 2014. Registration fees will also increase by \$20.00 at that time.

So hurry up and register so you can come join us in beautiful Snowmass Colorado, for what will certainly be the best conference ever!

By Christian Maddy



A 40th Anniversary Celebration

Can you believe the Colorado Family Support Council is already 40 years young? Come to conference and help us celebrate 40 years of child support training and professional growth in lovely Snowmass. This year's conference is June 1st through 4th. Bring your oldest CFSC memento/artifact with you!



Your Council Needs You!

Who are we looking for?

We are recruiting for the 2014-2015 CFSC Board of Directors. We are looking for people who operate effectively in a group setting, provide synergy for the rest of the team, and keep in mind the broader interests of the Membership.

Our Board of Directors is a vehicle through which talented and experienced individuals,

are able to add value by helping make key decisions and ensure that sound governance is implemented. Nonprofits are defined by their customs, traditions, and practices and diversity on a nonprofit board is essential and helps embrace a more inclusive environment. *"The most effective boards are those that are able to*

"My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition."

Indira Gandhi (1917-1984)

bring together a diverse group of people that bring a range of thought and perspective," said Eckhart-Queenan. If you have any questions about becoming a board member please come by our booth at conference or visit our website at www.cfscinc.org.

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Hi all! Hope you are all as excited about conference as I am! Did you know that CFSC originated in 1974? That's right, we are celebrating our 40th anniversary this year, and in honor of that we are hosting a

"That 70's Party!" There will be cash prizes for the most outrageous 70's dressed man, woman, and child, so pull out those polyester pants suits and platform shoes! This is the perfect opportunity to mingle and network with your co-workers from around the state while enjoying good music and

dancing! This could be a history lesson for the kids, but they haven't heard about pet rocks, but they will be able to make their own during Entertainment Night! I sure hope you all join us for the festivities, I can't wait to see you all there!



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Meet Your Board

Mardi E. Houston—Past 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 in August of 2000.

In March of 2003, Jefferson County Child Support Services provided Mardi with an opportunity to move to Colorado and begin a new adventure in the mile high city. Mardi worked for Jefferson County for five years before taking a leap of faith to join forces at the Colorado Division of Child Support Services.

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

Mardi has one son, William, one husband, Andrew, and two cats, Mailee & Norman. Mardi & Andrew are currently reviewing recruiting offers for William from numerous schools. However, they are leaning toward accepting an offer from the prestigious University of Oklahoma Athletics Program for the 2029 season.



Chris Cree—Member at Large

Chris has been with Boulder County Child Support Services since 2005. She began as the Receptionist and worked her way to the Establishment Team. This is her first year on the council, and she is excited to be part of the team that supports her fellow child support workers. She loves attending conference where she gets to meet her hard-working peers. When not in the office, she's adding her voice acting talents to the audio dramas Star Trek: Outpost, While Whispers

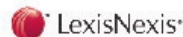
Wait, Jim Nolan: Private Eye among others or you might have experienced her writing, directing and editing on the audio comedies by Psi Phi Audio. Come find her at conference, and she might do a silly voice for you!

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www.facebook.com/ColoradoCFSC

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The 40th Annual CFSC Conference will be held in beautiful Snowmass, CO at the Westin Hotel, June 1-4, 2014.

Visit the hotel's website at <http://www.westinsnowmass.com>

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Conference registration is now open, along with our draft agenda at:

www.cfscinc.org

2014 Charity

In our jobs we recognize that many of our clients are not as lucky as we are. Each year the Council chooses one to three charities from around the State that meet the following criteria to help meet the immediate needs of communities around the State of Colorado. This year we have chosen:

The Family Tree

The vision of Family Tree is to be the best provider of life changing services that end child abuse, domestic violence and homelessness with the values of: Commitment, Integrity, Accountability, Diversity, Collaboration and Advocacy.

