



2016 NCSEA Leadership Symposium
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The Roosevelt
New Orleans, Louisiana

Monday, August 1, 2016

10:30 am – 11:30 am

**Workshop: How to Implement Parenting Time Opportunities for Children--
Addressing Legal Concerns and Parental Issues**

Description: Join this panel as they discuss how states are implementing Parenting Time Opportunities in the wake of the Preventing Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, in which a “sense of Congress” was issued urging states to implement these opportunities with existing Title IV-D and Access to Visitation funding. Learn about the Parenting Time Opportunities for Children in the Child Support Program (PTOC) Pilot Programs and how states have navigated the traditional legal concerns IV-D Agencies have regarding their roles in implementing these opportunities. Hear how one county is making a difference and implementing PTOC.

Workshop Presenters:

Moderator:

Michael Hayes-Senior Programs Manager, Office of Child Support Enforcement

Works in the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement – Division of Program Innovation where he’s responsible for OCSE’s parenting time portfolio, leads work on domestic violence policy and program development, and manages the State Access and Visitation Grant program. As part of the Division of Program Innovation team, he is involved in developing and supporting implementation of family centered child support innovations and national child support demonstration grant projects.

Immediately prior to his position at OCSE, Michael spent 12 years in the Texas Child Support Division where he was the Deputy Director for Family Initiatives. His work in Texas included development and leadership of a wide range of innovative programs for teens, young parents, military families, survivors of domestic violence, and low-income noncustodial parents.

Attorney Cynthia Bryant-Consultant and Trainer, Center for Support of Families, Former IV-D Director of Texas

Consulting and training for governmental entities at the state and federal level on programs and policies related to child support, dispute resolution, leadership and management.

Attorney Robert Harris-Child Support Services, County of San Diego

Legal Experience:

Robert Harris is a Supervising Child Support Program Attorney with the County of San Diego, Department of Child Support Services. He has been with the child support program for 17 years, starting as a Deputy District Attorney with the Bureau of Child Support Enforcement before transitioning to the Department of Child Support Services in 2001.

He currently works in the Legal Services Division where he provides guidance and training to Attorneys litigating child support cases in court. Robert has also supervised attorneys and paralegals in the Department's Specialized Litigation and Litigation Support sections. He has been involved in numerous child support committees and projects during his career, including:

- Forms,
- E-Filing,
- Conversion to an automated Statewide Child Support Enforcement system,
- Drug Court Protocol,
- Homeless Veterans Child Support Court, and
- Parenting Time Opportunities for Children grant project

Prior to joining child support, Robert worked as an associate attorney for the Law Offices of Milton J. Silverman where he assisted in preparing and litigating trials in both Federal and State courts.

Monday, August 1, 2016

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Workshop: Negotiation and Mediation of Family Cases in a Title IV-D Setting

Description: Whether you are an administrative state or a judicial state, you likely find yourself playing the role of family mediatory on Title IV-D Cases more often than you even realize. This session is geared to lawyers and judges when having to resolve family law issues that accompany Title IV-D cases. The presenters will look at successful strategies they have implemented and discuss the process of working with unrepresented parties or other attorneys when approaching mediating or negotiating resolutions in Title IV-D cases.

Workshop Presenters:

Moderator:

Margot Bean, Specialist Leader at Deloitte Consulting.

Margot Bean is a Specialist Leader in Deloitte Consulting's Public Sector Practice, focusing on helping state, tribal and local government child support enforcement programs improve their performance by providing effective and efficient data driven customer-focused services. In this role, she has helped child support programs examine and improve business processes, analyze their caseload through the use of predictive data to improve case performance, and create case strategies based on case characteristics.

Margot's wide variety of government experience prior to joining Deloitte provides her with a deep understanding and insight: Commissioner of the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement, Director of the New York State Child Support program, and Director of the Guam Child Support Program. She began her career in the Guam Attorney General's Office as a child support attorney.

Ms. Bean is a non-practicing attorney licensed in New York and Guam. She is a Past President and Honorary Life Member of the National Child Support Enforcement Association (NCSEA) and the Immediate Past President of the Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association (ERICSA) Board. She also serves as an advisor to the Western Interstate Child Support Enforcement Council (WICSEC).

Laura Bernacki-Stafford, DPA, Child Support Director Porter County, IN

Director, Child Support Division/ Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Porter County, Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Office

I am currently the Child Support Director in Porter County, Indiana, a position I have held since August 2010. I have been a Child Support Deputy Prosecutor in Porter County since November 2004. Prior to my career in child support I was employed in private practice handling mostly family law issues. I was also a contract attorney for the Department of Family and Children.

I received my Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Indiana University and my Juris Doctor from Valparaiso University. I was admitted to practice law in Indiana in 2002. I received my Masters in Public Administration from Indiana University in May 2010.

I am on the child support sub-committee of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council and the chairperson of the Indiana State Child Support Training Conference. Additionally, I am on the ERICSA Board. I am also a member of the Porter County Bar Association and the Valparaiso Chapter of Tri Kappa.

I have presented at numerous Indiana State Child Support Training Conferences and other conferences throughout the State of Indiana. I have also previously presented at ERICSA.

Jenese Larmouth, Assistant Ramsey County Attorney, MN

Jenese Larmouth has been “feeding babies” for almost 10 years as an Assistant Ramsey County Attorney in the Child Support Enforcement Section. She is currently the lead attorney on a county two-year project that is in its eighth month. The project has two components: (1) early intervention to engage case participants in the child support process and ensure their investments in a case, and (2) case management strategies to secure payments for children on the cusp of aging out of the child support system. Ms. Larmouth will highlight one project component in her first ever presentation at NCSEA.

Monday, August 1, 2016

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Workshop: An Ace Up Your Sleeve: Undercover Investigators, Criminal Prosecutors and Child Support Agency Partnership

Description: Two years ago Milwaukee County Child Support Services expanded its existing cooperative agreement with the Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office, which has criminally prosecuted the most egregious child support offenders, to add two sworn law-enforcement DA investigators. These investigators are the CSA’s eyes on the community, able to go out to where the NCPs live and (sometimes) work. Their results have been striking. This presentation discusses how child support agencies can use both criminal investigators and prosecutors to distinguish between who can afford to pay and who cannot, and to gather evidence of assets, employment, and lifestyle that can be used in court against those who are able to pay. You will hear an agency attorney, an investigator, and a former criminal non-support prosecutor discuss the ins and outs of a partnership between the CSA and a prosecutorial agency. They will describe interesting case scenarios that have occurred, how to get the most bang for your buck, and the best practices they have developed along the way.

Workshop Presenters:

Moderator:

Nancy Lund, Support Recovery Officer, Mason City CSRU, Mason City, Iowa

Nancy Lund has been a Support Recovery Officer in the Iowa Child Support Recovery Unit for over 16 years. She handles intergovernmental enforcement cases for an eight county area and currently serves on the CSRU Customer Website team as well as the Intergovernmental Forum Group. She serves as a mentor for new intergovernmental workers in her region and is passionate about all things child support. She is a past scholarship award winner for both WICSEC and NCSEA conferences, and is a member of the NCSEA Leadership Symposium Committee. Nancy is a Wish Granter for Make A Wish Iowa, Wish Ride Chairperson and United Way CIT member.

Janet Nelson, Legal Counsel Administrator, Milwaukee County Child Support Services, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Janet Schutz Nelson is the legal counsel administrator for the Milwaukee County Department of Child Support Services, a position she has held since 1994. She is the

current president of the Wisconsin Child Support Enforcement Association, and a member of Wisconsin's 2015 Child Support Guidelines Advisory Committee. Janet received her BA and JD degrees from Marquette University, and maintained a solo family law practice for six years before joining Child Support as a staff attorney in 1990. She has been recognized as Wisconsin's Child Support Attorney of the Year in 2006 and 2007, and as WCSEA's Member of the Year in 2011. She splits her time between Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Venice, Florida with her husband Tom Schutz.

Maureen Atwell, Director, Waukesha County Child Support Enforcement (formerly the Milwaukee County Assistant District Attorney, Criminal Nonsupport Division), Waukesha, Wisconsin

Maureen Atwell is the Director of the Child Support Division for Waukesha County, Wisconsin. Prior to that, she worked for seven years as a Milwaukee County Assistant District Attorney, where she headed up the Child Support Prosecution Unit. Called a "digital pioneer" by WISN-12 News, Maureen innovated the use of social media evidence in child support prosecutions, and was recognized as a top legal innovator by Wisconsin Lawyer Magazine in 2014. Maureen is the author of *The Use of Social Media in Criminal Child Support Prosecutions*, (7 Phoenix L. Rev. 1) and *Combating American Child Sex Tourism in Cambodia Under the 2003 U.S. Protect Act* (26 Wis. Int'l L.J. 163). Originally from Reno, Nevada by way of New York City, Maureen obtained her Bachelor's degree from Hunter College and her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin.

Tara Ferguson, Investigator, Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, Milwaukee Wisconsin

Tara Ferguson is an Investigator for the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office assigned to the Child Support Enforcement Unit. Tara has been vital in seeing this program flourish since its creation over two years ago. Prior to this assignment she served the City of Milwaukee as a police officer for over ten years. While assigned to the Vice Control Division Tara specialized in undercover operations to include undercover drug buys, posing as a prostitute, surveillance, and take downs of offenders. As an investigator at the Sensitive Crimes Division Tara investigated sex trafficking. Tara received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.

Tuesday, August 2, 2016
10:30 am – 11:45 am

Workshop: UIFSA 2008 – Are We Uniform Now?

Description: Interstate law is now uniform throughout the United States with states enacting UIFSA 2008. Or is it? Lawyers, policy makers, and central registry managers continue to disagree on several key interstate issues based on different interpretations of federal law and UIFSA 2008. The panel will discuss such issues as interstate interest, UIFSA section 319 redirection, interstate payment processing, evidence of parentage, and much more! Philosopher Jeremy Bentham once said: "The power of the

lawyer is in the uncertainty of the law.” Join us for this workshop to see how close to uniform we can be.

Workshop Presenters:

Moderator:

Mary Dahlberg, Senior Associate, Center for the Support of Families

Mary Dahlberg joined the Center for the Support of Families in August 2013 as a part-time Senior Associate, supporting the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement International Unit. Prior to this position, Ms. Dahlberg worked for 14 years as a California Deputy Attorney General in the Child Support Enforcement Unit, handling appeals and legal advice. Ms. Dahlberg is internationally recognized for her considerable knowledge of interjurisdictional child support issues.

In 2004 and 2005, Ms. Dahlberg was part of the U.S. delegation to The Hague Special Commission developing a treaty on the international recovery of child support and other forms of family maintenance. Other international activities included assisting the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement in preparing country-specific caseworker’s guides to processing cases with foreign reciprocating countries, and trouble-shooting problem cases.

In March 2010, Ms. Dahlberg presented two sessions at the Heidelberg Conference on the Recovery of Maintenance in the European Union and Worldwide. She also presented at the 2013 California Child Support Director’s Association annual conference. She continues her membership in the National Child Support Enforcement Association’s (NCSEA) International Subcommittee, and assists with organizing the interjurisdictional track for NCSEA Annual Conferences.

Diane Potts, Senior Associate, Center for the Support of Families

Diane Potts joined the Center for the Support of Families last year as a Senior Associate after serving for 6 years as Illinois Deputy Attorney General for Child Support. During her 20-year career with the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, Diane argued over 100 cases on behalf of the State in the Illinois Supreme Court, Appellate Court, and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. In 2015, she won the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois Family Support Enforcement Association.

Diane is a frequent speaker at National Child Support Enforcement Association Conferences, with recent presentations including: *LAWYERS MANAGING LAWYERS* (2015); *UIFSA 2008, MANAGING THE CHANGING LEGAL STRUCTURE OF INTERJURISDICTIONAL CASES* (2015); *ALL CHILDREN DESERVE GOOD PARENTS* (2014); *HOW SERIAL FAMILIES IMPACT CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS* (2014); and at other national events including WICSEC’s Annual Conference: *MODERN FAMILIES* (2015); *CLOSING THE DEAL, NEGOTIATION AND CONFLICT AVOIDANCE* (2015); *AN ETHICAL ATTORNEY’S GUIDE TO TECHNOLOGY* (2014); and NCSEA Web-talk: *POLICY IN TIME WITH TECHNOLOGY* (2015). Diane recently traveled to Hong Kong to present at the International Recovery of Child Support and Family

Maintenance Conference: CHALLENGES IN THE RECOVERY OF SUPPORT FOR THE MODERN FAMILY (2015) and THE NATURE OF CHILD SUPPORT AND THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN ITS RECOVERY (2015). She also spoke at two sessions at the International Recovery of Maintenance Conference in Heidelberg, Germany: ENFORCEMENT AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE (2013) and DIVERSITY IN A UNITED WORLD OF CHILD SUPPORT (2013).

Diane serves on NCSEA's Board of Directors and is the Secretary of its Executive Committee. She also is the current Chair of NCSEA's Legislative Education Subcommittee, and was the co-chair of NCSEA's 2015 and 2016 Policy Forums. In 2016, Diane was appointed as NCSEA's official observer to the Uniform Law Commission's amendment of the Uniform Parentage Act. She served for 6 years on the Illinois Child Support Advisory Committee, and was a member of the legislative drafting team for the Illinois Parentage Act (2016) and the income shares legislation (currently pending in the Illinois General Assembly). Diane received her law degree from Washington University Law School and her undergraduate degree from University of Illinois.

Kristen Donadee, Attorney III, California Department of Child Support Services

Kristen is a senior attorney with the California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS), and has been with the department since 2009. Prior to working for DCSS, Kristen worked as an attorney for a California county agency, the Sierra Nevada Regional Department of Child Support Services. Kristen's work for DCSS includes acting as the state's Interjurisdictional Liaison, assisting California counties and other states and countries with case specific issues. As part of this assignment, Kristen coordinated California's effort to implement UIFSA 2008, including ensuring legislation was enacted, and developing and providing statewide training. She is currently gearing up to train California IV-D court and local agency staff on managing Hague Convention cases. Kristen also works on issues related to court management and statewide appeals.

*Tuesday, August 2, 2016
1:45 pm – 3:15 pm*

Workshop: Beyond Biology: Reproductive Technology, Family Formation, and Parentage

Description: In this session we will explore trends across the country in establishing parental rights and responsibilities when parents move beyond biology and traditional marriage to form their families. Reproductive technology, increased out-of-wedlock births, and marriage equality all raise new questions about old presumptions regarding what it means to be a family. These trends impact the IV-D community as families evolve, dissolve, and need our services all while the state of the law surrounding these issues continues to develop.

Workshop Presenters:

Vera Poe, Policy Development Manager, Oregon Department of Justice, Division of Child Support

Vera Poe is the Policy Development Manager for the Oregon Child Support Program. Prior to moving to Oregon in early 2015, Vera served as Assistant Attorney General with the Texas Child Support Program for over 13 years in various capacities including training, general counsel and management. Prior to working in child support, Vera provided legal services to participants in Welfare to Work programs and served as mentor for volunteer attorneys for Legal Services of North Texas in Dallas, Texas. Before entering public service, Vera worked for Hopkins and Sutter in its commercial litigation section, as in-house counsel for MetLife in New York, and as a solo practitioner focusing on family law. Vera is licensed to practice law in Texas (1990) and Oregon (2015), and is a 1990 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law.

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Washington University Law School and her undergraduate degree from University of Illinois.

Moderator:

Ethan McKinney, Child Support Director, Office of Kenneth P. Cotter, Prosecuting Attorney, St. Joseph County, Indiana

Ethan was born and raised near Detroit, Michigan. In 1992 he moved to Mishawaka, Indiana with his father as part of a large corporate move. Ethan graduated from Mishawaka High School in 1995, Purdue University in 1999 and Notre Dame Law School in 2002, but remains a Detroiter at heart.

Ethan began his legal career in civil litigation before joining the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office in 2005 as a deputy prosecutor in the Child Support Division. He spent approximately 7 ½ years on the active court rotation before becoming the Child Support Director in 2012.

Ethan focuses on improving every aspect of the office. He has implemented, for example, outreach programs for incarcerated parents and a jail education program. He is a mentor to his employees and empowers them to excel. Ethan has presented at numerous state and national child support conferences on such topics as Contempt, Performance Improvement, Office Management, Modification, Technology and Outreach.

Ethan enjoys the roar of a V8 engine, weightlifting, a well-cooked steak, Detroit Tigers baseball and spending time with his wife of 8 years, their two daughters and their Doberman.

*Wednesday, August 3, 2016
8:30 am – 9:45 am*

Workshop: "Tribal Child Support 101: Partnering for Success"

Description: What can you learn from the tribal courts to help you increase collections at home? Why is it important to learn about tribal child support at all? Whether you work for a state IV-D program or a tribal IV-D program, do you know the legal issues regarding tribal child support? Come increase your knowledge and gain insight as tribal attorneys, who are also judges, discuss the various aspects of working with your tribal partners.

Workshop Presenters:

Moderator

Kent Walden, IV-D Director, Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma

Mr. Walden started his career in Child Support Enforcement in November of 2003 with the Chickasaw Nation Child Support Enforcement division in Ada, OK. In May of 2008

he became the STEPP Coordinator/Investigator for the Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma, Tribal Child Support Enforcement office in Seminole, OK. The STEPP program is an alternative to incarceration for parents who have failed to meet their child support obligations. In September of 2010, along with his current duties as Investigator/STEPP Coordinator, Mr. Walden was promoted to the position of Assistant Director for the Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma, Tribal Child Support Department, and then into the Director's position on October 1, 2012. Mr. Walden has a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, with a minor in Criminology from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. Mr. Walden is a C.L.E.E.T. certified Law Enforcement Officer thru the State of Oklahoma, and for the past 15 years he has worked as a Reserve Deputy for the Pontotoc County Sheriff's office in Ada, Oklahoma. Mr. Walden is also a Reserve Police Officer for the Seminole Nation Lighthouse Police Department in Seminole, Oklahoma, and the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Department in Tecumseh, OK. Mr. Walden is the current Vice President and board member for the National Tribal Child Support Association, and a Past President of the National Association of Tribal Child Support Directors.

Tish Keahna, Attorney, Red-Cliff Tribe CSA Meskwaki Judge

Tish Keahna Kruzan is Meskwaki, an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa. Her grandmother was Frances Goodwin Keahna, a well-known Ojibwe black ash basket maker of the White Earth Nation; and she is the great-granddaughter of Annie Warren. Ms. Keahna Kruzan graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School and is licensed to practice law in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Ms. Keahna Kruzan is the Child Support Attorney for Red Cliff Child Support Services Agency where she enjoys working with Wisconsin state child support and OCSE leaders. She happily chose to have the child support case for her three children enforced by the White Earth Nation Child Support Enforcement Program (in Minnesota) because she is a strong believer in tribal sovereignty.

Charles Tripp, Attorney, Legal Advocates in Indian Country Kaw Judge

Member of the Cherokee Nation; B.S.B.A., M.B.A., and J.D. all from the University of Tulsa; Founding Partner of Legal Advocates for Indian Country, LLP., a law firm devoted to providing legal services to tribes, their departments, and their members; Original Shareholder in Indian Collaborative Consultants, LLC., a consulting firm devoted to providing tribal governments and their citizens with training, human development, project coordination, and departmental or governmental wide consulting; Serves or has served as a Judge or Justice for 15 tribal courts in 4 states; Served as Prosecutor at 5 tribal courts and Public Defender at 4 tribal courts; Provides or has provided legal or consulting services for 9 tribal child support programs; Licensed in the State of Oklahoma, all tribal courts of Oklahoma and Kansas and with the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas.

Wednesday, August 3, 2016
8:30 am – 9:45 am

Workshop: The New Convention on the Recovery of Child Support

Description: After years of negotiation in The Hague and more years of waiting on Congress, the United States will likely join the 2007 Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance in 2016. In this session, a panel of experts will explore how the Convention will be implemented in the U.S., as well as the changes in required forms and case processing. Learn about the similarities between Convention processes and current U.S. practices. We'll give you information about easy reference resources available for agencies, caseworkers and IV-D attorneys, as well as where to turn when you can't find answers to your questions.

Workshop Presenters:

Moderator:

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Liza Lowe, Senior Policy Program Specialist, OCSE

Eliza Lowe (Liza) is a senior policy program specialist for the U.S. Office of Child Support Enforcement, Division of Policy and Training. Liza's primary responsibilities are in the area of intergovernmental child support, where she works on issues ranging from

the implementation of the Hague International Child Support Treaty to interstate payment processing policy.

Previously, Liza worked in the U.S. Office of Community Services on several federal anti-poverty programs. Liza has a graduate degree in Public Policy from the Georgetown Public Policy Institute and an undergraduate degree from Princeton University.

Robert Keith, Office of General Counsel

Robert Keith began his child support enforcement career with the Iowa Attorney General in 1975 as a trial and appellate prosecutor. He joined HHS' Office of the General Counsel in 1982 and was primary counsel for OCSE until 1997 when he assumed responsibility as the Associate General Counsel for Children, Family and Aging Programs within the U.S. Department of HHS.

From 2003-2007 Robert was a member of the U.S. Delegation to the Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and other Forms of Family Maintenance, and he served on the Drafting Committee.

*Wednesday, August 3, 2016
10:15 am – 11:30 am*

Workshop: Minnesota's Comprehensive Legal Vision Group: More than just a Vision

Description: Whether you work in a State Administered or a State Supervised/County Administered IV-D Program, or whether your program is administrative or judicial, the coordination of laws and policies and the interpretation thereof is a challenge. This challenge can lead to conflict and inconsistent results. After four decades of working on the tip of the iceberg, partners in Minnesota are working together to get below the surface and achieve legally consistent and efficient policies. Leaders in Minnesota from the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Minnesota County Attorney's Association (MCAA), and the Minnesota Family Support and Recovery Council (MFSRC) came together to form the Comprehensive Legal Vision (CLV) group. The CLV group's main goal is to identify and resolve conflicts between law and policy.

Join leaders from DHS, MCAA, and MFSRC to learn the goals and process of the CLV. How did the leaders get on the same page to formulate a shared vision that meets the needs of the attorneys and the program staff? What work has been done and what work lies ahead? How will the CLV balance the complexities of the laws and the requirement to have a cost-effective and efficient program?

The presenters will not only discuss the process used to develop the vision and goals of the CLV, they will also provide specific examples of laws and policies that are in conflict

in Minnesota but have been or are in the process of being resolved through litigation, legislation, updated policy and education.

Workshop Presenters:

Moderator:

Melissa Rossow, Assistant Director/Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office (Executive Committee)

Melissa Rossow is an Assistant County Attorney and an Assistant Director for the Human Services Division, Child Support Services Section, of the Ramsey County Attorney's Office. Since graduating from William Mitchell College of Law (now Mitchell Hamline School of Law) over 20 years ago, she has worked in the area of family law and child support for in a variety of capacities. In addition to her current position with Ramsey County, she was a Judicial Law Clerk, an Associate Attorney in a private law firm, an Assistant Carver County Attorney, the Supervisor of the Self-Represented Litigant Self-Help Center for the Hennepin County Family Court, and a Staff Attorney for the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Ms. Rossow is currently the President of the Board of Directors for Legal Assistance of Dakota County, the Minnesota County Attorney's Association (MCAA) Appointee on the Board of Directors for the Minnesota Family Support and Recovery Council (MFSRC), and the MFSRC Appointee to the Department of Human Services Advisory Board. She is a member of the Family Law Section of the Minnesota Bar Association, the Dakota County Bar Association, the Ramsey County Bar Association, and frequently participates in trainings for child support professionals, public and private attorneys, and judicial officers.

Jeffrey Jorgenson, IV-D Director, Minnesota Department of Human Services, Child Support Division (Executive Committee; State Point of View)

Jeff Jorgenson has over 20 years of experience working in county and state government. He started in child support as a child support officer in Anoka County and moved to the Minnesota State Child Support Division in 1996. He was appointed Child Support Division director on July 5, 2013. He also sits on the states DHS Information Technology Enterprise Architecture Board. He is passionate about child support and has presented several keynote speeches and workshops. He earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, Minnesota, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Mankato State University.

Lisa Kontz, Assistant Dakota County Attorney, speaking on behalf of the Minnesota County Attorney's Association (Court Issues Committee Co-Chair; Attorney Point of View)

Lisa Kontz is an Assistant Dakota County Attorney who has been practicing in the area of child support for over 15 years. Prior to her current position, she was a judicial law clerk in the First Judicial District and worked as a law clerk for the Dakota County Attorney's Office. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School. Ms. Kontz is currently the chair of the Child Support Committee of the Minnesota County Attorney's Association (MCAA), an elected board member of the Minnesota Family and Support Recovery Council (MFSRC), chair of the Legislative Committee of MFSRC, a

member of the Cooperative Agreement Review Committee, and Co-Chair of the Comprehensive Legal Vision Court Group. Ms. Kontz is a member of the Dakota County Bar Association, and frequently presents on various topics to child support professionals.

Jennifer Stanfield, Assistant Carver County Attorney, speaking on behalf of the Minnesota Support and Recovery Council (Enforcement Issues Committee Co-Chair; Case Worker Point of View)

Jennifer Stanfield is an Assistant Carver County Attorney who has been handling child support cases in Carver County since 2004. Ms. Stanfield was the first to start charging felony child support cases in Carver County and is also a founding member of the award winning Carver County “Jobs Not Jail,” Workforce Program. Prior to that, she was an attorney/analyst for the Minnesota Supreme Court in both child support and child protection issues from 2001 to 2004, and also worked as a law clerk for the Ramsey County Attorney’s office in child support from 1999-2001. She is a graduate of Hamline Law School. Ms. Stanfield is currently an elected board member of the Minnesota Family and Support Recovery Council (MFSRC), a member of the child support committee with the Minnesota County Attorney’s Association (MCAA), the Minnesota County Attorney’s Association (MCAA) Appointee on the Department of Human Services Advisory Board, and Co-Chair of the Comprehensive Legal Vision Enforcement Group. She frequently attends trainings and presents on various topics to child support professionals.