

Washington Chapter AFCC Newsletter

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Letter from the President (Incoming 2019-2020)

by: Elise Buie, J.D., GAL

Dear Washington AFCC Chapter Members: I am honored to write you as the new Washington State Chapter President. We are now in our 9th year as an organization and continue to grow. I want to share my interest and commitment to AFCC as an attorney, a GAL and as a Parenting Coordinator. The multidisciplinary professionals of AFCC provide me direct connections to mental health professionals, other family law attorneys and GALs, and resources I use in my practice.

AFCC's quarterly journal, Family Court Review (now available online), is an exceptional resource that I use to research particular issues that are present in my cases. I enjoy rewarding personal and professional relationships with AFCC colleagues.

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**Join Us March 23rd 2019
8th Annual Conference!**

[Event Information & Registration](#)



PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

<https://wa-afcc.org>

Education Committee

by: David Rothschild

Your Education Committee wants and needs your help in developing a statewide listing of Washington State Chapter members. A "Host Bureau" if you will, who may be willing to host events in which family law professionals can get together to share their expertise and engage in targeted training and consultation.

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Chips 'n Chat

Visitation Resistance Part II:

Presented by Matt Sullivan

March 27th 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

[Event Information & Registration](#)

Chips 'n Chat offer networking and shared discussion in an intimate and cordial atmosphere.

**AFCC National: Assisting
Attorneys Behind the Scenes**

March 19th 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

[Event Information & Registration](#)

Parenting Coordination Task Force

by: Dana Dean Doering, ARNP, GAL, PC

Thanks to many of you for joining our 1st ever PC Chapter Event! The February 21st webinar was followed by a Round Table Discussion with local PC's and other PC's across the Country. We compared what was happening in our respective states regarding PC Guideline development, implementation and quality control.

We will be issuing our first newsletter soon, offering training opportunities, doing outreach to counties and PC's across the state, and tracking PC training opportunities across the USA to facilitate the highest quality of Parenting Coordination efforts and professional development in the State of Washington.

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Dr. Benjamin Garber

Reunification Case Study Event

March 24th 9:30 am – 11:30 am

[Event Information & Registration](#)

\$45 for all 8th Annual Conference participants who wish to attend.

Letter from the President (Cont...)

In the coming year, WA AFCC will host a conference on March 23, 2019 with Robert Simon, PhD and Benjamin Garber, PhD and as our keynote speakers at the Washington Athletic Club. You can register here. We are also hosting the 2nd in our new series, Chips-n-Chat, in the conference room at my office (also past-President Stacy Heard's office) located at 1001 Fourth Ave., Suite 4400, Seattle, WA 98154; rsvp with paralegal@heard-law.com. The topic of this Chips-n-Chat is Visitation Refusal. We would love to hear your ideas on future topics on which you would like presentations. On a national level, AFCC partners with the AAML for trainings in family law and domestic relations practice. The AFCC National Conference this year entitled "The Future of Family Justice, International Innovations" will be held in Toronto from May 29, 2019 – June 1, 2019. You don't want to miss that conference.

Your continued participation and support will assist us in our future growth and commitment to assisting families in need, furthering the AFCC mission of assisting families in conflict. I welcome any and all comments and feedback from members. I am eager to learn what we can do better to help your practice. Please reach out to me at eliseb@elisebuiefamilylaw.com. Later in the Spring, I hope to announce dates and times for casual get-togethers for members to come together with me and other board members to discuss how we can better serve you in the future. I want to see all family law professionals and mental health professionals who deal with family conflict in Washington as active, engaged members of WA AFCC and working together to help our Washington families in conflict move forward constructively and in peace.

Education Committee (Cont...)

This "Host Bureau" is part of our desire and commitment to expand the Chapter's engagement with family law professionals across this diverse state. This effort is engaged in substantially in recognition of our colleagues who work outside of the Puget Sound area, often in very sparsely populated, underserved parts of the state, who often work in relative isolation from other family law professionals and from ongoing training available to those of us who work in larger-population areas of the state, with our more extensive training and consultation resource bases.

Your Education Committee will initiate the creation of this Host Bureau through contact with the various family law jurisdictions in the state and with the Administrative Office of the Courts, to identify family law practitioners state-wide. But we also know that current AFCC Chapter members have extensive contacts with other professionals, and we ask that you share with us both your contacts who you believe may be potential "hosts" as well as any other thoughts you may have about this new effort. We'll need all the help we can muster in this new effort to "spread the gospel" of family law best practices. (And perhaps add to the Chapter roles at the same time!)

While you may, of course, respond to any of the Education Committee members with your thoughts and information, this effort is being led by David Rothschild, MSW, family law GAL in Thurston and Mason Counties. David's phone number is: 360-878-1667. (Phone calls only, no texts; he's proudly--perhaps more accurately, defiantly--stuck in the 20th century, much to his children's amusement.) David's email address is: wdrothschild@gmail.com.

Parenting Coordinator Task Force (Cont...)

We have also compiled a list of Parenting Coordination training opportunities across the USA in 2019. If you want to be included on the WA-AFCC Chapter PC mailing list- please email us and let us know. Email: info@wa-afcc.net

AFCC National Parenting Coordination Task Force 2017-2019

The AFCC National Parenting Coordination Revisions Webinar Feb. 21- was instrumental in helping all of us PC's get ready to critique the New 2019 Revisions from the Natl. PC Task Force.

There are many new revisions to the existing AFCC 2005 PC Guidelines & Standards.

If you missed the Feb. 21 Webinar and want to comment on the revisions, please see link below.

HOW TO REVIEW & COMMENT ON THE NEW PC PROPOSED 2019 PC REVISIONS:

The National AFCC Parenting Coordination Guideline Revision Task Force has introduced the Draft Revised Guidelines for Parenting Coordination. They wish to elicit your comments and suggestions. The Task Force has been working for nearly two years to gather information from jurisdictions across the globe about the practice of parenting coordination and to incorporate data from the social science and legal literature to update the original AFCC PC Guidelines (2005).

To access the Draft Guidelines, simply click the link, then proceed through the survey and make your comments on the sections you wish to address. Please note that the document includes an Overview Section, Definitions, the Guidelines, and Training Modules. AFCC suggests you make your comments in a Word document and then cut and paste your comments in the survey monkey form. AFCC invites you to include your name and email address in the event the Task Force has additional questions about your comments or suggestions.

Please respond with your comments no later than Friday, March 29. Many responded to two previous surveys sent by this Task Force and the feedback was enormously helpful. We hope you will take the time to assist AFCC again so that revisions to the AFCC PC Guidelines may accurately reflect the current state of PC practice and provide the most useful guidance for professionals. Thank you, in advance, for your invaluable input and commitment to helping children and families around the globe.

For Reference: Debra K. Carter, Ph.D. Chair, AFCC Parenting Coordination Guideline Revision Task Force

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