

Washington Chapter AFCC Newsletter

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Letter from the President

by David Goldman, MS, MAEd, LMHC



As the AFCC National Conference in Seattle, *What Lies Beneath: Hidden Forces Shaping Families in Transition*, is approaching, I am very excited and honored to be a part of this outstanding chapter and national organization. This event, focused on the complex and often unseen issues affecting families in transition, promises to be an extraordinary opportunity for professionals to delve into critical topics and share innovative practices.

I also want to highlight that three of our chapter board members are joining a leader in the field of Parenting Coordination to present a pre-conference institute, showcasing the deep expertise and innovative work happening right here in Washington state and beyond.

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63rd Annual Conference

What Lies Beneath Hidden Forces Shaping Families in Transition

Seattle, WA
May 27-30, 2026

[Find out more and register](#)

Swing by the Washington Chapter booth designed by our new board member, Connor Lenz. Connect, say hello, and enter our prize drawing! 🎉

Big Energy from the AFCC Washington Chapter at the May National Conference!

By Caroline Plummer

Get ready, Seattle! We're thrilled to host the AFCC 63rd Annual Conference May 27–30. The Washington Chapter is showing up *strong!*

We're kicking things off with a high-impact, full-day pre-conference training led by Debra Carter, Dana Dean Doering, David Goldman, and Caroline Plummer. This session is packed with practical tools and real-world strategies Parenting Coordinators can use right away:

- Build sustainable co-parenting alliances that last
- Tap into a powerful, evidence-based “toolkit”
- Apply 7 core components as your go-to framework
- Lead multidisciplinary teams with confidence in complex cases

And don't miss the *live, interactive panel role play* after lunch—bringing it all to life with a behind-the-scenes look at how a Parenting Coordinator leads a team through a high-conflict case. Huge shoutout to our incredible volunteer panelists—Caitlin Burgess, David Goldman, Alyson Henry, Jennifer Keilin, Caroline Plummer, and Atylana Singh—for bringing the energy and making this an engaging, can't-miss experience!

There's still time to join us—don't miss it!

Letter from the President (Cont...)

I encourage everyone to come to our WA chapter table! It's a perfect place to hang out, meet our dedicated chapter members, and mingle with colleagues. While you're there, be sure to join the raffle for beautiful Northwest Art for a chance to take home a piece of local culture.

The AFCC-WA board has been diligently working to further develop our board membership and offerings and have several promising projects underway. We recently saw the retirement of two board members. We extend our sincerest best wishes to David Rothschild and Catherine MacLennan and express our appreciation for their extensive contributions to our chapter.

Towards the end of last year, our board also expanded by three members who have brought significant breadth and depth of expertise and energy as we prepare for the conference and beyond. We are fortunate to be joined by Nancy Weil (Attorney and GAL), Marnee W. Milner JD, PhD (Forensic Psychologist, Attorney, Parenting Evaluator, Parenting Coach, and Mediator), and Connor Lenz MSW (Parenting Evaluator, GAL, Mediator).

We are continuing our efforts to grow the board and encourage active members to reach out if interested in supporting committee work and/or board service. Please anticipate hearing from us again following the conference, and do not hesitate to contact us in person at the conference or at any time via email or telephone.

Save the Date!

Conference Highlights Debrief at 8:30 a.m. on June 29, 2026. Join the Chapter for a conference debrief of all the highlights. An email invitation will be sent with a Zoom link. Sign up at our table!

Welcome to our new AFCC Washington Chapter Board Members



Connor Lenz, MSW, is a Guardian ad Litem, mediator, and parenting plan evaluator, serving King and Snohomish Counties in Washington. He brings over a quarter century of experience in family law, specializing in parenting plan evaluations, domestic violence risk assessments, family mediation, and child-focused investigations.

Connor previously served as Program Manager for King County Superior Court Family Court Services (2014–2023), where he supervised multidisciplinary teams of court social workers, evaluators, case managers, and conciliators while overseeing programs addressing family law, domestic violence protection orders, dependency mediation, adoption, minor guardianships, At Risk Youth, Child in Need of Services, and truancy.

Earlier in his career, he worked as an Assistant Manager and Family Court Services evaluator and mediator, conducting parenting plan evaluations, domestic violence assessments, and mediations, and providing expert testimony in family law trials.



Dr. Marnee W. Milner is a licensed psychologist and licensed attorney in the state of Washington, since 2007 and 2011 respectively. She is a member of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA), the American Psychological Association (APA), and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC).

Dr. Milner trained at the Palo Alto Veterans Affairs and Brown University/Butler Hospital, specializing in geriatric neuropsychological assessment and treatment. She then worked for the Palo Alto VA as a neuropsychologist in one of the five national Polytrauma Clinics.

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Dr. Milner's practice currently consists of clinical and forensic neuropsychological and psychological evaluations, and parenting evaluations. She is trained as a mediator and a collaborative law practitioner and is slowly taking on more collaborative cases.

When not working, Dr. Milner spends time with her wife and their two children. She loves to travel!



Nancy Weil is a family law attorney and Guardian ad Litem, with more than 300 appointments that involved domestic violence, substance abuse, mental health issues and children with a wide range of special needs.

Before law school, she worked for nonprofit health care agencies in New York and Seattle and most recently served as Executive Director of a regional health care agency that provided rehabilitation services for clients with cardiac and pulmonary disease. And before that, she was Special Projects Manager for Josiah Wedgwood, the historic British china company.

If asked, she will share her profound disappointment with Linda Ronstadt's choice of dinnerware.