

Registration Form

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ORGANIZATION:

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CITY/STATE/ZIP:

E-MAIL:

Are you requesting to register as an Attorney receiving 2 CLE Credits for this Conference?

YES NO

A \$25 fee is required to cover the cost of the Conference. Please make your check payable to:

Office of Child Support Services

Please tear off this form and mail it with payment to:

Office of Child Support Services

77 Dorrance Street

Providence, RI 02903

Attn: Kevin Donnelly

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 22, 2007

Questions???

Call the Office of
Child Support Services at
401-222-7471

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Rhode Island Parent Information Network

For its contribution of time and
resources for our 3rd Annual
Conference

State of Rhode Island



Department of Human Services
Office of Child Support Services

3rd Annual Child
Support Conference

“It’s All About Our Kids”



April 5, 2007

8:30 AM—4:00 PM

Hilton, downtown Providence

(formerly Holiday Inn)

21 Atwells Avenue 401-831-3900

Conference Agenda

“It’s All About Our Kids”



“It’s All About Our Kids!”

The Department of Human Services, Office of Child Support Services is pleased to host the 3rd Annual Child Support Conference.

Nationally, state child support programs are coping with the loss of the federal match of incentive dollars for their programs. In most instances, states will not be providing replacement resources from their state budget to cover those losses. In addition, most states, including Rhode Island, are facing severe budget restrictions due to looming deficits. The challenge facing all of us in the child support community is to provide quality services to our families and children with the limited resources we have available.

The mission of the child support program is to enhance the wellbeing of children by assuring that assistance in obtaining support, including financial and medical, is available to children through locating parents, establishing paternity, establishing support obligations and monitoring and enforcing those obligations.

Now, more than ever, it is imperative that we strengthen our partnerships with other state agencies and community-based organizations and work together to provide the services that we at OCSS cannot provide alone.

**Because after all —
“It’s All About Our Kids!”**

8:30-9:00 AM
Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:15 AM

Welcome:
Sharon A. Santilli, Esquire
Associate Director, Office of Child Support Services

Greetings:
Hon. Jeremiah S. Jeremiah, Jr., Chief Judge
Rhode Island Family Court
Jane Hayward, Secretary
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Gary D. Alexander, Acting Director
Department of Human Services

9:15-9:45 AM

Keynote Speaker:
Elizabeth Burke Bryant, Executive Director
“Eliminating Childhood Poverty”
KIDS COUNT

10:15-11:15 AM
Paternity Establishment In Hospital Process
Rhode Island established a Voluntary Acknowledgment Process in the birthing hospitals in the early 1980s, long before PRWORA requirements. This collaborative program has come a long way. Come and hear about the journey from conception to birth!

Carol Giliberto, Esquire
Colleen Fontana-Office of Vital Records
1 CLE

11:15-11:30 BREAK

11:30-12:30 PM
The IV-A (FIP)/IV-D (Child Support) Relationship

Join us for an interactive workshop where attendees are encouraged to share issues with the exchange of information between the FIP and Child Support Office including a discussion on the new child care cooperation requirements.

Moderator: Kevin Tighe, Esquire

Panel: Heidi Brown, CSEA II-OCSS
Tina Janik, Administrator-Family & Adult Services
Cathy Collins, Chief-Policy/Systems -OCSS
Reeva Murphy, Administrator-Child Care

12:30-1:30 PM LUNCH & NETWORKING

1:30-2:00 PM
Update of the Fatherhood Coalition and the Inmate Project

Be in the know about the latest developments with the Fatherhood Coalition and the Inmate Project by attending this session.

Michelle Millette, Coordinator
Fatherhood Coalition
Colleen Warren, Child Support Administrative Officer-OCSS

2:00-2:45 PM

The Public Perspective
In this interactive workshop, members of the audience are encouraged to offer suggestions or improvement ideas for the child support program. Take this opportunity to share yours!

Moderator: Kat Keenan, Chair
Child Support Advisory Committee
Panel: Linda Katz-Poverty Institute
Vivian Weisman-RIPIN
Sharon Santilli-OCSS

2:45-3:00 PM DESSERT BREAK

3:00-4:00 PM

Are We Too Contemptuous?
Don't miss this interactive panel discussion of child support enforcement techniques and the contempt process.

Moderator: Frank DiBiase, Esquire
Panel: Hon. Jeremiah S. Jeremiah, Jr., Chief Judge
Magistrate Debra E. DiSegna
Magistrate George DiMuro
Rhode Island Family Court
Paul Gould, Esquire-OCSS
Steve Bagian, Esquire-RI Legal Services
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