



## **Solving the Family Court Puzzle: AFCC 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference**

The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, *Solving the Family Court Puzzle: Integrating Research, Policy and Practice* takes place May 18-21, 2005 at the Sheraton Seattle in the heart of downtown. The conference will feature more than 60 full-day training institutes, plenary and workshop sessions over four days including: The Family Lawyer as Problem Solver; What the Research Shows About Lawyer Negotiations, and Relocation Cases: An International View from the Bench. Sessions on mediation, parenting coordination, research on young children of divorce, interviewing skills, child abduction, domestic violence and collaborative divorce round out the program. Contact AFCC at (608) 664-3750 or [www.afccnet.org](http://www.afccnet.org) for program and registration information.

AFCC's Task Force on Parenting Coordination has posted a draft of the proposed Model Standards of Practice for Parenting Coordinators. The Task Force is soliciting comments prior to finalizing the Draft Model Standards. They are posted at: [http://www.afccnet.org/about/parent\\_coord\\_tf.asp](http://www.afccnet.org/about/parent_coord_tf.asp)

AFCC members and other interested parties are invited to review the Draft Model Standards and send comments to Christie Coates, Chair, AFCC Task Force on Parenting Coordination at [coatesboulder@aol.com](mailto:coatesboulder@aol.com). The final version of the Model Standards will be presented at conference.

Please note that hotel rooms in downtown Seattle are selling out quickly. The Seattle Sheraton is holding rooms for AFCC conference attendees at a reduced rate *on a first come, first served basis until the AFCC room block is filled* or April 25, whichever arrives first. To make hotel reservations, call (800) 325-3535 or (206) 447-5555.