



# 41<sup>th</sup> Annual Indiana Child Support State Conference

French Lick Springs Hotel, 8670 West State Road 56  
French Lick, Indiana 47432



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Dear Colleague:

Attached please find the registration packet for the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Indiana Child Support State Conference, to be held Tuesday, June 27 through Friday, June 30, 2017, at the French Lick Springs Hotel, 8670 West State Road 56, French Lick, Indiana 47432. The Registration Desk will be open on Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday mornings until the end of the last session, and at 8:00 a.m. on Friday until the end of the conference. For those arriving on Tuesday afternoon, the conference offers a one hour CLE session on Tuesday afternoon, starting at 3:30 p.m. There will also be a Moderator Meeting on Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

Reservations at the hotel can be made by calling 888-936-9360 and using the Group Code 0617CSC to obtain our group rate of \$129.00 per night (plus applicable state and local tax). You may also book your room on-line by following this link: <http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=1481040&hotelID=73557>. No overflow hotel has been booked for this conference as we expect to have enough rooms at the French Lick Springs Hotel, however, if we fill the block, there are a few other hotels in the area. **HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 30, 2017. Please be considerate of other county offices and do not book more rooms than you will actually be using.** Please note that if you intend to request a state sales tax exemption, you should discuss this with the hotel representative when you make your reservation.

One of the highlights of our conference is the group luncheon and awards presentation on Thursday. Please see the *2017 Child Support Awards Nomination* letter included with this packet for details on how to submit nominations for the *IPAC K.I.D. Award* and the *Beatrice Deuel Child Support Superior Service Award*. **Nominations honorary awards are due no later than March 1, 2017.**

**NEW THIS YEAR – YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS** - All county, Department of Child Services/Child Support Bureau, and Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council staff are eligible for years of service awards. Starting in 2017, nominations for service awards **MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE “IPAC Honorary and Service Award Nomination Form.”** Please note that honorary and service award nominations for county staff must be approved by the elected prosecutor or chief deputy. Years of Service awards for staff of the Department of Child Services, Child Support Bureau, must be approved by the employee’s senior manager, assistant deputy director, or the deputy director. Nominations for Years of Service awards may be attached to the nomination form for counties with multiple recipients, but must include the nominee’s name, job title, and their number of years of service, and be signed by the appropriate department head. **Nominations for the K.I.D. Awards and the Beatrice Deuel Child Support Superior Service Award are due not later than March 1, 2017. Nominations for service awards are due not later than June 2, 2017.**

The motivational speaker for this year’s conference will be Stuart Ellis-Myers, a/k/a “Twitchy”. We are very excited to have “Twitchy” as our guest speaker for the plenary session on Thursday morning entitled, “UNSTOPPABLE”, and he will also be doing a breakout session on Thursday afternoon entitled, “Tourette’s Revealed.” You won’t want to miss either one of these sessions.

We have been very successful with our charity drives the last couple of years, and greatly appreciate the outpouring of support and participation from all attendees. This year the Conference Committee has identified the “Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy” (HYCA), Knightstown, Indiana, as our benefactor. HYCA is a statewide Indiana organization that is affiliated with the Indiana National Guard, with the mission to intervene in the life of impoverished and at-risk Indiana youth, male and female, ages 16 to 18, to produce program graduates with the

values, skills, education and self-discipline necessary to succeed as an adult. **Conference attendees who would like to participate in this year's charity drive are being asked to bring new running shoes for these young adults.** These shoes will be distributed by the HYCA staff on a discretionary basis to the "cadets" in need, and we expect a representative from HYCA will be present at the conclusion of the conference to receive the donated shoes. Please see the attached fact sheet about the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy for more information. Please note that the shoes need to be in neutral colors, preferably black, blue, silver, gray, or brown. Sizes needed are men's sizes 11 to 13 and women's sizes 5 to 9. (More men's shoes are needed than women's.) Wendy Whitehead is our contact person, so please direct any questions to her at [wburford@decaturcounty.in.gov](mailto:wburford@decaturcounty.in.gov).

**YOGA!!!** Wendy Whitehead has volunteered to once again coordinate two FREE yoga sessions during the conference, on Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon, with Donna Frank as the instructor. Prior to participating in any of the yoga sessions, participants **MUST** provide Wendy with a completed and signed *Yoga Registration and Release from Liability* form. Pre-registration is not required, but we recommend you have your registration and release from liability form ready when you arrive for the session. **Only those persons who have a signed registration and release from liability form will be allowed to participate.**

**DANCE!!!** Thanks to the generosity of our conference sponsors, the Thursday evening dance will feature the very talented Indianapolis based band, "**HEARING VOICES**". You will not want to miss this event! Larry Baker and his band perform a wide range of music genre, sure to please everyone. Watch for more information coming soon.

The Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council will once again be funding the education expenses associated with the conference, so there will be no registration fee for any conference attendees. As a reminder, meals provided as part of the conference should be reported in accordance with your agency travel policy. Please note that if you sign up for the group luncheon, and are unable to attend, we need to know as soon as possible so the final count can be adjusted. To cancel your luncheon reservation, please email Amy Burgher prior to June 16<sup>th</sup>. For cancellations after the start of the conference, please notify the staff of the Registration Desk. Attendees are responsible for all lodging, travel, and per diem expenses. IV-D training is an allowable cost for which your incentive funds may be used.

Included in this packet are the following materials:

- Conference Registration Form (**PLEASE INDICATE IF ANY ATTENDEES HAVE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS**)
- Tentative Session Topics (many will qualify for CLE credits)
- IPAC Honorary and Service Award Nomination Form (**DEADLINE FOR K.I.D. AWARDS AND BEATRICE DEUEL CHILD SUPPORT SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD IS MARCH 1. DEADLINE FOR SERVICE AWARDS IS JUNE 2**)
- Direct Bill Application (billing questions need to be handled directly with the hotel)
- Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy (fact sheet)
- Yoga Registration and Release from Liability Form
- 2017 Child Support Conference Session Survey
- French Lick Springs Hotel Amenities and KidsFest Information

We look forward to seeing you in June, and are working hard to provide the training that you have requested. Please send your completed registration form to Amy Burgher at [amburgher@ipac.in.gov](mailto:amburgher@ipac.in.gov), or fax to her at 317-233-3599. **PLEASE BE SURE TO CONTACT AMY IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN EMAIL CONFIRMATION OF YOUR REGISTRATION. REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 2, 2017.** If you have any questions regarding the conference, please contact Tammie Johnson at [tammie.johnson@co.allen.in.us](mailto:tammie.johnson@co.allen.in.us), 260-449-7039; Laura Stafford, at [lstafford@porterco.org](mailto:lstafford@porterco.org), 219-465-3405; or Amy Burgher at [amburgher@ipac.in.gov](mailto:amburgher@ipac.in.gov), office phone 317-232-1836 or cell phone 317-694-6641.

Please provide a copy of this registration packet to your judicial partners.

Very truly yours,  
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