



FAMILY SUPPORT FORUM

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From the 1987 to 2017. . .

. . . 30 YEARS OF HISTORY

30 years ago, a select group of individuals got together and decided to form IFSEA. The particular events and persons that originated this organization may have been lost in the mists of time, but their ideas and ideals have not. IFSEA is sustained and continues to grow with each passing year and increasing awareness and membership it receives.

It's sometimes hard to put into perspective 30 years of time. For some of us 30 years ago was just a blink of an eye and for others it's ancient stuff you might find in your history class. Here are some examples of what we knew and experienced in 1987:

1. Costs:

First Class stamp—22 cents

A gallon of gas - \$1.08

A dozen Eggs— 89 cents

2. Notable Figures:

U. S. President -Ronald Reagan

French President—Francois Mitterand

U. K. Prime Minister— Margaret Thatcher

Canada Prime Minister— Brian Mulroney

3. Medicine:

1. Disposable contacts became available

2. AZT was approved the FDA

3. Prozac became available in the U.S.

4. In the News:

1. Alan Greenspan becomes Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

2. Fox Broadcasting made it's debut.

3. Stock Market Crashes with a 508 point drop.

4. Televangelist Jim Bakker resigns

5. On Television;

1. The Simpsons premieres

2. Full House premieres

3. Dallas final show

6. At the Movies

Lethal Weapon

Good Morning Vietnam

Dirty Dancing

The Witches of Eastwick

Spaceballs

Throw Momma from the Train

7. Births and Deaths

Wiz Khalifa

Fred Astaire

Hillary Duff

Lorne Green

Zac Efron

Jackie Gleason

Brandi Bramlett

Danny Kaye

8. Sports

Superbowl XXI— New York Giants beat the Denver Broncos

World Series—Minnesota Twins beat the St Louis Cardinals

Stanley Cup— Edmonton Oilers beat the Philadelphia Flyers

Nascar Winner—Dale Earnhardt

AND:

Microsoft debuted the Excel spreadsheet program, Microsoft Works and Windows 2.0



From the President . . .

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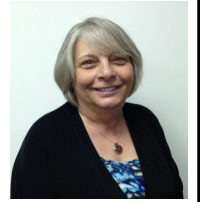
Maurice Williams

IFSEA President



From the Desk of . . .

. . . PAMELA LOWRY, IV-D DIRECTOR





From the Legislature . . .

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The following is a brief synopsis of the child support-related bills that were passed by the 99th General Assembly and signed by the Governor in 2016. The effective date is reflected with each bill synopsis. The Public Acts may be found on the Illinois General Assembly's web site (<http://www.ilga.gov>).

Ralph Abt, DCSS Legal Advisor

1. Public Act 99-0899 (SB 2340):

TANF-Child Support Disregards

Summary as introduced: Amends the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the first \$100 of child support collected on behalf of a family in a month for one child and the first \$200 of child support collected on behalf of a family in a month for 2 or more children shall be passed through to the family and disregarded in determining the amount of the assistance grant provided to the family. Provides that any amount of child support that would be disregarded in determining the amount of the assistance grant shall be disregarded in determining eligibility for cash assistance. Effective immediately. House Floor Amendment No.2 Changes the effective date from immediate to January 1, 2017.

The Bill increases TANF disregards and pass through to \$100.00 per month for one child and \$200.00 per month for two or more children.

Effective Date – January 1, 2017

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?name=099-0899&GA=99&SessionId=88&DocTypeId=SB&DocNum=2340&GAID=13&Session=>

2. Public Act 99-0763 (HB 3898):

Family Law and Parentage - Reproduction Assistance

Summary as introduced: Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Makes changes in provisions concerning: petitions for simplified dissolution; temporary relief; stay of action for dissolution; settlement agreements; disposition of property and debts; maintenance;

child support; attorney's fees and other costs; educational expenses for a non-minor child; definitions relating to the allocation of parental responsibility; visitation by certain non-parents; parenting plans; access to health care, child care, and school records by parents; interviews, evaluations, and investigation by the court; hearings concerning the allocation of parental responsibilities; abuse of allocated parenting time; and modification of orders concerning parental responsibilities. Adds provisions concerning court-ordered counseling. Amends the Illinois Parentage Act of 2015. Defines "assisted reproduction" and "donor". Creates the Article concerning children of assisted reproduction. Adds provisions concerning: the scope of the Article; parental status of donor; parentage of a child of assisted reproduction; withdrawal of consent of an intended parent or donor; parental status of a deceased individual; inheritance rights of a posthumous child; the burden of proof; limitations on proceedings to declare the non-existence of the parent-child relationship; and establishing parentage in the context of a gestational surrogacy arrangement. Repeals the Illinois Parentage Act. Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 Provides that the Article of the Illinois Parentage Act of 2015 concerning assisted reproduction applies only to assisted reproductive arrangements or gestational surrogacy contracts entered into after the effective date. Amends the Gestational Surrogacy Act to change references to the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984 to references to the Illinois Parentage Act of 2015.

The Bill amends various provisions in the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act and the Illinois Parentage Act of 2015. The Bill establishes procedures regarding parentage of a child of assisted reproduction. Other provisions of the Bill did not affect the title IV-D program.

Effective Date – January 1, 2017

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/99/099-0763.htm>



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3. Public Act 99-0764 (HB 3982):

Child Support Guidelines

Summary as introduced: Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Deletes provisions concerning child support award guidelines and replaces them with new provisions establishing income shares guidelines, income calculation for child support purposes, and allocation of other child-related expenses. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall promulgate guidelines and worksheets for the purpose of calculating child support guidelines, and that the court shall apply the guidelines unless the court determines, after weighing specified factors, that application of the guidelines would be inappropriate. Adds provisions concerning child support purposes and applicability, duty of support, income calculation for support purposes, minimum orders, deviation factors, shared parenting, split care, allocation of other child-related expenses, and modification of support orders. Contains applicability language. Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 Adds and an effective date of July 1, 2017.

The Bill replaces the percentage of obligor income model with a specific income shares model.

Effective Date - July 1, 2017

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/99/099-0764.htm>

4. Public Act 99-0769 (HB 4447):

Parentage Act - Various

Summary as introduced: Amends the Illinois Parentage Act of 2015 (750 ILCS 46/101 et seq.). Makes numerous changes in provisions concerning: definitions; the establishment of the parent-child relationship; presumption of parentage; proceedings to declare the non-existence of the parent-child relationship; voluntary acknowledgment; rules for acknowledgment and denial of parentage; temporary orders; injunctive relief; standing; venue; genetic testing; joinder of proceedings; men who father through sexual assault or sexual abuse; judgment; the provision of information to the State

Case Registry; enforcement; modification; and the right to counsel. House Floor Amendment No. 3 Makes changes concerning the required notices on the voluntary acknowledgment of parentage form. Changes the definition of "gestational surrogacy". Changes "acknowledgment" to "voluntary acknowledgment" and makes corresponding changes. Provides that any voluntary acknowledgment or denial or rescission of acknowledgement of parentage that was completed prior to January 1, 2016 (the effective date of the Illinois Parentage Act of 2015) is valid if it met all criteria for validity at the time it was signed. In a Section concerning temporary orders, specifies that "child" includes a non-minor child with a disability. In a Section concerning the authority to deny genetic testing, provides that it shall be presumed to be equitable and in the best interests of the child to grant a motion by the child seeking an order for genetic testing, and the presumption may be overcome by clear and convincing evidence that extraordinary circumstances exist making the genetic testing contrary to the child's best interests. Makes a change concerning the guidelines and standards the court must use in determining temporary child support. Makes a change in the Section concerning standing. Makes changes in provisions governing the effect of a judgment that lacks an explicit allocation of parental responsibilities. In provisions concerning support, changes "father" and "non-custodial parent" to "person obligated to pay support". Provides that the Act applies to all pending actions and proceedings commenced prior to its effective date with respect to issues on which a judgment has not been entered. Deletes language providing that the repeal of the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984 shall not affect rights or liabilities under that Act which are the subject of proceedings pending on the effective date of the Illinois Parentage Act of 2015. Makes other changes. Senate Floor Amendment No.1 Provides that the court's order granting a child's request for genetic testing must specify the ways in which the testing results may be used for purposes of protecting the child's best interests.

The Bill was intended to make minor changes to (HB 1531) Public Act 99-0085 (the Illinois Parentage Act of 2015), in order to address inadvertent omissions. The changes were primarily technical in nature and include making certain ter-



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minology and definitions are consistent with the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act and other related sections of law.

Effective Date - January 1, 2017

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/99/099-0769.htm>

5. Public Act 99-0675 (HB 5775):

Birth Cert.-Parentage Forms

Summary as introduced: Amends the Vital Records Act. Provides that voluntary acknowledgment of paternity, denial of parentage, and rescission of voluntary acknowledgment of paternity or denial of parentage forms shall contain the data elements required by federal law. Removes a provision concerning the font characteristics for statements waiving the right to DNA tests regarding a child's paternity. Corrects references to voluntary acknowledgment of paternity forms, denial of parentage forms, and rescission of voluntary acknowledgment of paternity or denial of parentage forms. Senate Committee Amendment No.2 Provides that in the event new data elements are included in specified forms, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and Department of Public Health shall provide instructions that have been prescribed by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services about the new data elements to the hospital personnel responsible for assisting a newborn child's mother, biological father, or presumed father with completing the forms. Makes other changes.

The Bill amended the Vital Records Act to remove a provision regarding bolding and the font size for a statement regarding waiving the right to DNA tests regarding a child's paternity. The Bill also corrected references to voluntary acknowledgment of paternity forms, denial of parentage forms, and rescission of voluntary acknowledgment of paternity or denial of parentage forms to provide for consistency between the Vital Records Act and the Illinois Parentage Act of 2015.

Effective Date – January 1, 2017

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?name=099-0675&GA=99&SessionId=88&DocTypeId=HB&DocNum=5775&GAID=13&Session=>



From Our Committees . . .

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Scholarship Committee

-As far as the Scholarship information, there were 4 scholarships awarded for conference attendance and the baskets and raffle generated \$2,256.00...I'm assuming that would be part of Kimberly's Scholarship Committee update though?

Membership Committee

The 2016 IFSEA Conference held in Bloomington, Illinois included 126 attendees with an overall membership of 129. Since the conference, 4 new members have been added for a current total of 133 active 2016-17 members. The committee hopes to increase membership throughout 2017 by marketing and detailing the value of being an IFSEA member. If you would like to join the Membership Committee or would like information regarding IFSEA membership, please contact Lauren Craven at Laurencraven@maximus.com.

Conference Committee

The 30th anniversary IFSEA conference will be held October 16 and October 17, 2017 at the Wyndham City Centre located in downtown historic Springfield. Also offering state rate and addtl 15 for double 1 free park per room. Dinner at the Wyndham. Golf Outing Sunday prior more to follow

CLE Committee

The CLE committee presented their latest CLE in February on Procedural Due Process concerns, which resulted in 2 new memberships. The committee plans to present an income shares CLE this Summer, once the income shares tables are published. There is already a great deal of interest coming from private attorneys, so we hope this CLE will result in many new memberships! More information on how to RSVP for the income shares CLE will be emailed this Summer.

As always, we welcome new committee members and ideas. If you would like to share an idea or volunteer to participate on the committee, please contact the committee chair, Lorelei Frost, at lorelei.g.frost@illinois.gov.



From the Board Of Directors

... 2016 IFSEA Nominations

Nominations Sought for IFSEA Director Election

Five of the fifteen member-elected IFSEA Director positions will be subject to election at the Annual Members' Meeting to be held during our Annual Conference on Support Enforcement. One director is to be elected from Cook County plus two from each of the two downstate regions. Terms of office for Directors elected this year extend until October 2016.

The Annual Meeting will again be split into two parts during IFSEA's Conference program. The election of Directors (including any nominations from the floor) will take place Monday, October 7th at the Conference. Results will be announced at the Annual Members' Meeting on Tuesday, October 8th.

Pursuant to Art. VII of the By-Laws, nominations for election are to be submitted in writing to the Nominations & Resolutions Committee at least seven days prior to the election - i.e., by September 30, 2013. Nominations may also be made from the floor if supported by five members from the region to be represented by the elected Director. However, time is extremely limited at the meetings, so advance nominations are urged.

If you would like to be elected to the IFSEA Board of Directors, or you know someone you would like to see elected, please complete the Director Nomination form provided and return it to: **IFSEA, 335 E. Geneva Rd, Carol Stream, IL 60189 or fax to 630-221-2332.** Incumbents seeking re-election also require nomination. Only regular members in good standing (membership dues paid for 2012-2013) may be elected or appointed to the Board of Directors.

Those holding elected positions on the current IFSEA Board of Directors and their terms of office are as follows (see page 2 for the complete Board and officers):

10/2014- 10/2016	10/2015- 10/2017	10/2016-10/2018

* Directors whose terms end this year. The one-year terms of "At-Large" Directors Linda Dirksen, HFS-DCSS, and Si-nan Alcan, Madison SAO, also expire at this year's election.

**NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ILLINOIS FAMILY SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION**

October , 2017

For a three-year term of office:

2016 - 2018

I hereby nominate the following person for election to the IFSEA Board of Directors:

Nominee: _____

Position/Employer: _____

Office Address (County): _____

Credentials/Comments: _____

Person Making Nomination if other than Nominee: _____

Office Address (County): _____

To be eligible for election the nominee must be a regular member of the association, in good standing (with dues paid for the upcoming year) prior to the election.

Return before to:

IFSEA, Peoria , IL 60189

or

Emailed to Angela.Williams@illinois.gov



From the Board Of Directors

... 2017 IFSEA Awards

2017 IFSEA Awards

In 2014, IFSEA was able to debut four recognition awards to individuals or groups for their outstanding contributions to family support in Illinois. Unfortunately we were unable to garner enough nominations in 2015. Feedback from the membership led us to improve the nomination form and awards process. Please help the IFSEA Board and Awards Committee to continue this effort to establish a tradition of recognizing the excellence within us.

The 2017 award categories are:

IFSEA Jurist Award – for Judges, Hearing Officers or others who issue rulings or finding in child support cases or who supervise those who do.

IFSEA Child Support Professional Award – for everyone who provides service from clerical and support staff to attorneys (who are not supervisors or managers).

IFSEA Leadership Award – for those who serve as managers or supervisors or who demonstrate leadership in another role.

IFSEA Outstanding Program Award – for teams, groups, or offices who demonstrate performance excellence, innovation, or who positively impact the child support program.

Online nomination forms are available by clicking on the links below or on the website under the Organization tab. Nominations must be submitted by close of business June 30th, 2017. If you are unable to access the link or would just prefer that nomination forms be mailed or emailed to you, please contact Drew Aschenbrenner by email at drew.aschenbrenner@illinois.gov

[IFSEA Jurist Award Nomination Form](#)

[IFSEA Child Support Professional Nomination Form](#)

[IFSEA Leadership Award Nomination Form](#)

[IFSEA Outstanding Program Nomination Form](#)

A minimum of two nominations per category must be received for an award selection process to continue. Each nomination requires both a nominator and two additional individuals who can act as references for the nominee. Nominees do not need to be current members of IFSEA, though membership may be a consideration in evaluation of nominations. All nominations will be carefully and fairly considered by the IFSEA members who have been assigned to the Awards Committee.

The Awards Committee encourages IFSEA members to recognize excellence through submission of nominees! *Please take a moment to complete a nomination for those you feel deserve recognition for their contributions to improving services to Illinois' families.*

Sincerely, IFSEA President Scott Black and Awards Committee Members Pam Lowry,
Drew Aschenbrenner, Shannon Clay, Lorelei Frost, Sabrina Stroops, Sharon Quarles and Daun Perino

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ILLINOIS FAMILY SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION

Application for Membership / Address Correction

Please: accept my application for membership in IFSEA. correct my address as noted below.

Regular membership - please enclose \$25.00 annual dues.

Subscription membership - please enclose \$25.00 annual fee.

Affiliate membership - (dues to be determined by Directors upon acceptance).

Applicant's Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

Employer/Agency: _____

Office _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Office Phone: _____

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E-Mail Address: _____

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Is this a New Application Renewal Address Correction ONLY?

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