



# NCCSC NEWSLETTER

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*I Believe...*



*I believe... I can make a difference*

*I believe... I can help a child*

*I believe, together, we can do Anything!*

*I Believe...  
I Believe...*

## 2009 Child Support Conference

Each of us has been affected in some way by these tough economic times. The Board of Directors has worked diligently to make decisions that are in the best interest of the council and its members. We have made a decision to postpone the 2009 conference until August 2010. The 2010 Conference will be held at Sea Trail Resort in Sunset Beach, NC. I believe that our economy will be much better by this time and we will have a great conference!

Please make sure your membership is paid up for 2009 because we have some exciting events coming up and you must be a member to participate! We will have contests with exciting prizes!

Keep an eye on the website and your email for your chance to win awesome prizes! Remember, you must be a member of the council to participate!

We each have blessings in our life and we need to be thankful for them each day.

Don't ever quit believing in yourself and each other!

Angela L. Craig  
 President



“I Believe”

BANNER CONTEST

*Success means having the courage, the determination, and the will to become the person you **believe** you were meant to be”*

Theme: The banner must incorporate the 2009 theme:  
“I BELIEVE”



**YES - we BELIEVE!**

**We are still having fun....we encourage each county to participate in the NC Child Support Council - enter your Counties Banner for a chance to WIN \$100!**

*You can do it if you **believe** you can!*

**The top 3 posters will be displayed at the State Office!**

**Criteria and registration will be emailed to each county - if your county participates, please email your registration to [tammy.pearson@ncmail.net](mailto:tammy.pearson@ncmail.net).**

**Judges will be members of the NC Child Support Council!**

Once you have created the banner for your county; take a picture of the banner and email it to [tammy.pearson@ncmail.net](mailto:tammy.pearson@ncmail.net).

Four things for success:  
work and pray, think and **believe**.

Tammy Pearson, Chair

## Raffles, Raffles, Raffles

Our committee is contacting companies to try and get some wonderful prizes to be raffled off this year. Thank you for all your past purchases and we look forward to some exciting prizes this year. Child Support professionals are special people and there are some things in life, we should expect such as:

### What Is Life?

<i>Life is a gift</i>	..... <i>Accept It</i>
<i>Life is an adventure</i>	..... <i>Dare It</i>
<i>Life is a mystery</i>	..... <i>Unfold It</i>
<i>Life is a game</i>	..... <i>Play It</i>
<i>Life is a struggle</i>	..... <i>Face It</i>
<i>Life is beauty</i>	..... <i>Praise It</i>
<i>Life is a puzzle</i>	..... <i>Solve It</i>
<i>Life is an opportunity</i>	..... <i>Take It</i>
<i>Life is sorrowful</i>	..... <i>Experience It</i>
<i>Life is a song</i>	..... <i>Sing It</i>
<i>Life is a goal</i>	..... <i>Achieve It</i>
<i>Life is a mission</i>	..... <i>Fulfill It</i>

Thank you,

Delois Jones- Chairperson of General Fund/ Raffles  
 Susan Dillon Brown- Co-Chairperson of General Fund/ Raffles



### **From the Curriculum & Equipment Chairperson:**

Since the 2009 NCCSC Conference has been postponed, this gives all Child Support Professionals lots of time to think about workshops that are wanted or needed for next year. Please contact Sheila Beck-Jones @ Sheila. Beck @ncmail.net or Edna.Futrell@ncmail.net for welcomed suggestions. We also need your help and would like to encourage volunteering to serve on the Curriculum and Equipment Committees.

Sheilia Beck-Jones, co- chair  
 Edna Futrell, co- chair

# See You Later Alligator

CHOMP! That is the sound of the Nation's budgets being devoured by the current economic crisis. As Child Support Professionals we understand the day to day struggle of providing more and more with less and less. In keeping with that theme and to show our solidarity with the nation's economic struggle we have decided to delay the annual Training Conference until next September. However, we know the current economic climate has nothing to do with how hard you have all worked and how much harder you will have to work this year. The annual conference has always provided not only a platform for learning and sharing ideas but it has also allowed you to be rewarded for your hard work. Your council believes you should still receive that reward for 2009!

Sooooo, what's a council to do, well glad you asked. We intend to provide you a virtual conference through the child support council website. Throughout the year we will provide various articles of interest on child support and we will give you the opportunity to share best



practices with other child support professionals throughout the state, pretty much what you would have done at the conference. We also know that entertainment is always a big crowd pleaser at the annual conference so we refuse to be left out. The fact that this is virtual will not stop us from ENTERTAINING you!!!!!!

Throughout the year we will provide a variety of unexpected fun and pranks on the website but most importantly we will also give you the opportunity to win those much beloved door prizes!!!!!! Now how does this work, well needless to say the website access is free so everyone can enjoy the fun, but if you want to WIN those wonderful prizes you will have to be a member of the council. All you have to do is pay the \$10.00 annual council membership fee and you are in and have the chance to WIN, WIN, WIN. Each month we will conduct a contest, the type of contest will vary but will allow everyone equal chance to win. Now to participate in the contest and to be eligible to win you have to be a member, did I say that once already- yes I did so you see that is really important. Now since I am in charge of this I know what the prizes are and I can promise you the very least you could win is a \$50.00 prepaid Visa card. And yes, each month there will be a winner and you never know when we will throw in something really wonderful like maybe an airline ticket??????

**Pat Stone-Smith**  
**Entertainment Chair**

**The membership committee Announces the Five ...\$5 Winners at the drawing held during the February NCCSC Board of Directors Meeting.**

- Betty Dixon -Yadkin County
- Julie Hart - Wilson County
- Jordan Patterson - Jackson County
- Lisa Cox - Warren County
- Mary Ann Merlo - Wake County

Joe Crook, Membership Chair

## **Conference Merchandise is Available**

NCCSC Sun Visor .....	\$2.00 each
NCCSC T-shirt (all sizes).....	\$2.00 each
2008 NCCSC Bag.....	\$10.00 each

**For additional information or to purchase any of the above items, you may contact:**

Astra Kirksey  
 (919)255-3749  
[Astra.Wilson-Kirksey@ncmail.net](mailto:Astra.Wilson-Kirksey@ncmail.net)

Stephanie Wells  
 (919) 255-3949  
[Stephanie.Wells@ncmail.net](mailto:Stephanie.Wells@ncmail.net)

OR

Sandra Chestnut  
 (919) 255-3892  
[Sandra.Chestnut@ncmail.net](mailto:Sandra.Chestnut@ncmail.net)

Submitted by the Archives Committee

# AWARDS

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*The North Carolina Child Support Council (NCCSC) Conference may have been postponed, but the NCCSC Awards will not be postponed. Each year the North Carolina Child Support Council recognizes individuals and/or agencies for outstanding achievement or meritorious contribution in the area of child support. Please consider submitting an entry so everyone will be able to see the great work that is taking place all over the State.*

*Achievement at the local level and achievement with statewide significance will be considered for recognition. The factors that will be considered in the selection process include the following:*

- \*The clear identity of the problem/concern that prompted the need for the project. \*Innovative approach resulting in more effective delivery of services.*
- \*Originality.*
- \*Demonstration of effective interaction and cooperation between the various agencies involved in the child support process.*
- \*Implemented programs or procedures, which have broad application or could, serve as a model.*
- \*Activities that provide for the development of legislation or policy.*
- \*Demonstration of significant improvement in the provision of services to children.*
- \*Continuing outstanding effectiveness.*

*If you have not already considered entering a nomination this year, the Awards Committee encourages you to assess all good things happening in your agency and submit your nomination.*

*Please download a copy of the **Awards Application** at [www.nccscouncil.org](http://www.nccscouncil.org).*

*Submit your nomination to:*

*NCCSC Awards Committee  
PO Box 20421  
Raleigh, NC 27619-0421*

*Applications must be postmarked by **July 3, 2009***

*NCCSC Awards Committee  
Alice McCoy/Stephanie Wells*

## NOMINATIONS FOR NCCSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**I BELIEVE**...It is never too early to start thinking about nominations for the North Carolina Child Support Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors OR know someone who would like to serve, please email the nomination to [Bonnie.Brooke@ncmail.net](mailto:Bonnie.Brooke@ncmail.net) , or [Tammy.Pearson@ncmail.net](mailto:Tammy.Pearson@ncmail.net). Criteria for nominees are as follows:

- 1) Nominees must be notified and must agree to serve a three year term.
- 2) Nominees must currently be a NCCSC member in good standing.
- 3) Nominees must have approval from their supervisors and should be available to attend scheduled board meetings (usually held every other month) in Raleigh.
- 4) Nominations should be submitted by current NCCSC members in good standing.
- 5) Nominations must include a brief biography of nominee and why the nominee would make a good board member. Please submit a picture of the nominee with their biography.
- 6) The deadline for these nominations is May 30, 2009.

Currently there are 7 vacancies on the board for the 2009-2012 term and elections for these vacancies will be held at the September Business Meeting which will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2009 in Raleigh. We hope to see you there!

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### **I BELIEVE.....**

That we can do anything we put our minds to.

### **I BELIEVE.....**

There is no situation that can hold us down.

### **I BELIEVE.....**

That this year of reflection will make us stronger.

This year Door Prizes will be a different. Instead of giving out door prizes at the annual conference, Door Prizes can be won in various manners throughout the year.

I know you are saying, what can they possibly be talking about, how can this be done? Well I am going to tell you, you have to BELIEVE in order to RECEIVE. You have to be a member of the North Carolina Child Support Council for the year 2009 in order to participate. The Door Prizes that we get this year are going to be used for various activities that the North Carolina Child Support Council will be doing through out the year with the members. We are going to ask for gift cards (no matter what amount), gift certificates, weekend stays, and anything else that you can think of that will fit in an envelope and can be mailed. The Sponsorship form has been updated to reflect the fact that donations this year are for the membership.

So get those thinking caps on and be as innovative as you can to try and get Door prizes for the North Carolina Child Support Council members for this year. Keep your ears and eyes open for the giveaways we will be having this year.

So the green flag has been dropped and the baton has been passed.

**I Do Believe, I Do Believe, I Do, I Do, I Do.....  
Do You?**

**Become a member of the North Carolina Child Support Council in 2009.**

Door Prize Committee



## Scholarship Funding



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The Bob McGuire and North Carolina Child Support Council Scholarships are self sufficient. This means that in order for us to continue to provide the yearly four (\$1000) scholarships, we have to raise the funds.

Again this year we are asking for help from each Child Support Office to aid in raising scholarship funds. These funds can be raised through any creative means such as; ice cream sales, auctions, yard sales, donations, dress down etc. This was a huge success last year with participating offices raising over \$3500.00 while having lots of fun!!

Please designate a person(s) in your office to be responsible for coordinating your fundraiser. All counties will be recognized for their efforts in raising funds via the NCCS newsletter.

Please email your monthly updates and creative fundraising ideas so that they can be shared. We understand that these are difficult times for many of us and we only ask that you do what you can in your office.

We are very excited to be able to continue the scholarships for this year. Keep with the theme of the NCCS Council 2009, "I Believe" that we can raise the funds that are needed this year.



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Thank you,  
Angela Bellamy, Chair  
Angela.bellamy@ncmail.net

### **Bob McGuire /North Carolina Child Support Scholarship**

Please encourage your clients and council members to share the scholarship information with graduating seniors. These are very difficult economic times and these scholarships are available to assist four qualifying seniors with some of the cost during their freshman year. (\$500 per semester).

#### CHILD SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

1. At least one Parent must be a member of the North Carolina Child Support Council or a Client of the Child Support Program (either through Child Support services or Clerk of Court services).
2. Applicant must be a resident of North Carolina and a graduating high school Senior.
3. Applicant must have been accepted by a North Carolina school of higher learning: a College, University, Community College or Technical School. Applicant needs to attach copy of acceptance letter.
4. Applicant must have maintained an overall C average or above during his/her high school career.
5. Return completed application to:

Sonya Suggs, Lead worker or  
Pitt County CSE  
203 Government Circle  
Greenville, NC 27834

Linda Flick, Child Support Agent  
Guildford County CSE  
PO Box 2674  
High Point, NC 2726

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2009. Final decisions will be made no later than April 30, 2009. Recipients will be recognized on the N.C. Child Support website and newsletter.



Thank You  
Angela Bellamy

*Guidelines for Submitting Material for the NC Child Support Council News:*

*"The North Carolina Child Support Council News" is published periodically. Articles will focus on trends, problems, research, and information of interest to child support practitioners. Topics of discussion may include, but are not limited to, child support legislation, case law, related issues and problems. Announcements of related training and programs, which will enhance professionalism in the field, are welcome. Our Editorial Board will review all papers submitted. We will include the article in our next edition if space allows, or we may choose to publish the item at a subsequent time. Opinions expressed in the "N.C. Child Support News" are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the position or policy of the North Carolina Child Support Council.*

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