

~ HISTORY OF THE BMCC ~

THE ANNUAL BATTERED MOTHERS CUSTODY CONFERENCE (BMCC) was first held in Jan., 2004 near Albany, New York, with the objective of bringing together protective mothers with experts and concerned professionals to address and organize around the serious injustices faced by mothers seeking protection from abuse from the family court/divorce court system. The **BMCC II**, held in Jan., 2005, provided a powerful networking opportunity for professionals, domestic violence advocates, organizations, and advocacy groups working to expose these problems and develop solutions. The **BMCC III: Unity--and Action!** held in Jan., 2006, provided a venue for the development of unity among all of those affected by these problems and the sharing of action steps that have been proven effective. **The 2007 conference, the BMCC IV**, sponsored **The Truth Commission** to hear and document the serious injustices suffered by protective mothers within the divorce court system. **The BMCC V: Help, Hope, & Healing**, helped to contribute to the self-determination and empowerment of mothers and to the expansion of critical and growing protective mothers' movement. **The BMCC VI: Solutions**, held in January, 2009, focused on the progress made by activists and advocates in the mothers' custody movement was held in January 2009. In **2010, the BMCC VII**) adopted the theme *Now that we know, what are we doing about it?* to reflect the critical need of the court system to adhere to what has been established by credible research on DV, abuse, and child custody.

In 2011, **the BMCC VIII**, emphasized the importance of uniting diverse individuals and groups to reform the custody courts. In its ninth year, the 2012 BMCC asked its community, are we making any progress? **Is what we're doing working?** In its historic 10th year, the Battered Mothers Custody Conference met in our nation's Capitol along with the Mothers of Lost Children and other groups to bring our issue onto the national stage. On Mothers Day, May 12th, 2013, the BMCC, Mothers of Lost Children, and other groups took our issue onto the streets in front of the White House. In May of 2015, the BMCC XI became the First International Battered Mothers Custody Conference, which met in the New York City metropolitan area. At the BMCC XI, we learned about battered mothers' custody challenges in countries outside the U.S.

The 12th BMCC:
Reflect, Recharge, and Regroup!
May 6th-8th, 2016
Albany, New York
The Radisson Hotel, Wolf Road



Call 1-877-231-0717 and ask for Battered Mother's Custody Conference Block
\$103/room before April 14th, 2016

REQUEST FOR FEE REDUCTION

A fee reduction will be granted to battered mothers in litigation, volunteer/low-income advocates, others who could not otherwise afford to attend. If you need to request a fee reduction, please e-mail the following information below to mhannah413@aol.com.

Or mail this form to 26 Purtell Ave., Latham, NY 12110 (Note that all attendees are asked to pay a minimum registration fee of \$40 if at all possible, in order to help indigent moms attend for free and to keep us financially solvent.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Reason for request: _____

Further details including detailed schedule, workshop proposal form, hotel information, and registration details are available at batteredmotherscustodyconference.org Please visit and Like our Facebook page: 12th Annual and First International Battered Mothers Custody Conference

Register online using credit card at batteredmotherscustodyconference.org

Register by mail using form below.

Name _____
Occupation/Title _____
Address _____

Phone _____
Email _____

Name(s) of people you are registering

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Total registration Fee Paying _____

BMCC XI Registration Fees:

Early Bird

(before April 25th, 2016).....\$125

Full fee

(after April 24th 2016).....\$150

Reduced/scholarship fee for unpaid/low
salaried staff, DV advocates, etc..... \$75

BMCC Presenters.....\$75

Battered mothers in current or past
custody litigation.....\$40

*No one will be turned away for inability to
pay; if you need a fee reduction or waiver,
please ask for one.*

Mail form and check to: Mo Hannah,
Chair, BMCC XII, 26 Purtell Avenue,
Latham, NY 12110

REFUND POLICY: Fees will be refunded
in full if cancellation is received on or by
04-30-16. No refunds are available after
that date.

Confirmed Presenters

- Keith Harmon Snow, Investigative Journalist, Author, *The Worst Interests of the Child*
- Lundy Bancroft, Author, *Why Does He Do That?*
- Dorchen A. Leidholdt, Director, Sanctuary for Families Center for Battered Women's Legal Services, New York City
- Patrice Lenowitz, Founder & Executive Director, The Nurtured Parent Support Group
- Nancy Erickson, battered women's attorney and author
- Toby Kleinman, Attorney, Author, *Social Work and the Courts*
- Phyllis Chesler, Author, *Mothers on Trial* and many other books
- Barry Goldstein, child custody legal expert, author and editor of several books on protective mothers' legal issues
- Garland Waller, Professor and Producer, *No Way Out But One* and *Small Justice*
- Ben Atherton-Zeman, Performer, *Voices of Men*
- Maralee McLean, Author, Speaker, Activist
- Anne Stevenson, Journalist

And many others!

Battered Women, Abused Children, and Child Custody: *A NATIONAL CRISIS*

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The Twelfth BMCC



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Fri. May 6th at 10:00 am through
Sun. May 8th at 12 noon

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