



NC CHILD SUPPORT COUNCIL
41st ANNUAL CHILD SUPPORT & ATTORNEYS TRAINING CONFERENCE
August 26-28, 2026



The North Carolina Child Support Council's 2026 Annual Conference is once again a paperless conference. Session presentations and handouts will be accessible via the WhoVa app to download before, during and after the conference. Be sure to check the app regularly for updates. The app provides the most up-to-date information on all conference events, sessions, and speaker details, list of attendees, maps, and more.

You can access the Agenda-At-A-Glance via the WhoVa App. Please stop by the registration desk with any questions or assistance using the app.

Conference Theme

Innovation Unleashed

Focusing on bold, forward-thinking approaches to strengthen the child support program and empower those who lead it.



The North Carolina Child Support Board will host a **“First Timers’ Orientation”** for all new members.

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 26th at 10:00am

Location: Blue Ridge

Connect, network and discover how to make an impact within the NCCSC alongside your fellow council members.



The 41st Annual Conference is being held at the **Crowne Plaza Resort**, located at 1 Resort Dr., Asheville, NC 28806. The resort is amidst the Blue Ridge Mountains and offers many amenities including an on-site restaurant, fitness center, and a shuttle into downtown Asheville. There is also access to tennis courts, a saltwater pool, heated outdoor pool, golf course, and opportunities for outdoor exploration. During your down time, please feel free to **explore Asheville**.



All conference attendees will have the opportunity to win door prizes awarded throughout the conference. These prizes are made possible through the generous contributions of each county in attendance. We ask that each county bring items to be used as door prizes. Your participation helps make this a fun and memorable part of the conference, and we appreciate your support and generosity.



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Feel free to tag us in your conference photos using [#NCCSCConference2026](https://twitter.com/NCCSCConference2026) or [#InnovationUnleashed](https://twitter.com/InnovationUnleashed)



MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

NCCSC is excited to welcome Sharmain Harris as this year's motivational speaker!!

Sharmain is a National Speaker, Trainer, Author, and consultant for family services organizations looking to engage fathers effectively.

In this powerful and deeply personal keynote, Sharmain Harris will share his journey from incarceration and instability to becoming a nationally respected educator, author, and advocate for fathers and families. Through lived experience, hard lessons, and relentless growth, he developed the **R.I.S.E.** Method—a framework born not in theory, but in survival, reflection, and reinvention.

Sharmain's story reveals how true transformation begins when we:

- **Recognize resilience in the midst of adversity**
- **Imagine the impossible, even when systems and circumstances say otherwise**
- **Strive for success through discipline, accountability, and purpose**
- **Empower environments that allow people to grow beyond their past**

You are sure to leave inspired, re-centered, and reminded that innovation often begins when someone dares to rise above the odds—and brings others with them.

Membership & Registration



Child Support Membership & Registration - \$235.00 w/ CLE Accreditation- \$310

Membership & Registration Desk

Stop by and check-in to receive your conference badge, conference bag and other materials

Located at the EXPO CENTER

Wednesday, August 26th

10:00am-3:00pm (Closed during opening session from 11:00am to 1:30pm)

Thursday, August 27th

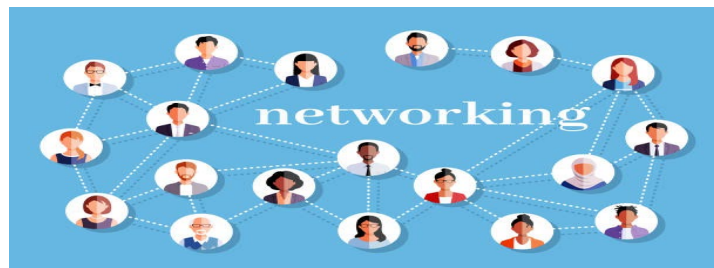
10:00am-2:00pm

****Networking Opportunities****

8/26/2026

This year's conference will offer the following to encourage connection and networking:

- ★ **Networking Walk-** *Steps & Conversations 5k*
- ★ **Networking Suite-** *Conference Connections - enjoy refreshments & engagement*





WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

Workshops will be held on Wednesday, August 26th - Friday, August 28th. Please make sure and check the Whova app or the Agenda-at-a-Glance for workshop locations and times. Plan ahead! Some workshops may fill up quickly.

- Specific workshop times and locations can be found in the Whova app.
- There will be a printed Agenda Guide available for reference.
- All General Sessions will meet in the Expo Center.

SUGGESTED DRESS CODE

We suggest business-casual dress for all conference workshops. Trying to find a room temperature at which everyone can be comfortable is nearly impossible. Therefore, we recommend you bring a sweater and light jacket and dress in layers so you can adjust accordingly.





Back by Popular Demand!! We are kicking off the conference with the return of the **PARADE OF COUNTIES** during the opening session.

****Opening Ceremonies begin at 11:00am on Wednesday, August 28th in the EXPO CENTER****

- All counties are asked to have one - two people represent their county in the parade. **Representatives are free to wear their county branded apparel.** Please contact Amanda Garcia via email at Amanda.garcia@pittcountync.gov to share the names of your representatives.

NOTE: Representatives will be required to meet with an NCCSC Board member **15 minutes** prior to the start of the Opening Session.

- Each county is responsible for bringing/creating their own flag for their representatives to carry.
- Each county is asked to bring a door prize/gift that represents your county. (This is in addition to the regular door prizes you might bring.) These gifts will be placed in one huge basket for a Grand Prize drawing to be held during the President's Reception on Thursday. The winner will be pulled from a list of all 100 counties. **The winner receives all 100 gifts!!** The lucky county gets to share the goodies with everyone in the office, even those who couldn't attend the conference.

RAFFLE, SILENT AUCTION & DOOR PRIZES

The raffle and silent auction are held annually to raise funds for our general & scholarship funds.



- Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1.00 each from any designated table. Checks and/or cash will be accepted. Winning tickets will be drawn at the Closing Session on Friday, August 28.
- The NCCSC will hold a silent auction on Wednesday, August 26 and Thursday, August 27, to raise money for our scholarship fund. ***Payments can be made via check, cash, CashApp and/or Venmo. All final bids must be placed by 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, August 27.*** Please see the Auction Table for additional details.
- Winners of the Early Bird membership drawings will also be announced on Friday, August 28, during Closing Session.
- Door prizes will be drawn during all general sessions and workshops.

BUSINESS SESSION – Thursday, August 27

The Board of Directors is requesting everyone's presence during the Business Session on Thursday, August 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., in the Expo Center. We will discuss important matters, including the 2026 NCCSC Board of Directors' nominees.

This year there are 9 vacancies to be filled on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in running, please submit your nomination using this [link](#). You may also self-nominate or nominate someone else during the business session. The nominee must be present.

Remember: Your Voice and Your Vote Matters!





DINING

The North Carolina Child Support Council will provide meals on the following days:

Wednesday, August 26 **Lunch** - Expo Center
Thursday, August 27 **Breakfast Buffet** – Expo Center
 President's Banquet- Expo Center
Friday, August 28 **Breakfast** - Biltmore Foyer

Note: Crowne Plaza has an on-site restaurant, Overlook, that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner .

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION, BANQUET and DANCE – Thursday, August 27th



Theme: Innovation in Motion

Dress code – Disco

All events held in the Expo Center

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. President's Reception
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Awards Presentation & President's Banquet
8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Dance

We will be announcing the NC CSC Service Awards and Employee of the year at the banquet.
There also will be an opportunity to win prizes!!

****Guest Tickets are available for the cost of \$60.00 per ticket.** Tickets may be purchased in advance on the WHOVA app or in-person at the conference at the Registration Table.

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