

~ 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. 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 BMCC XII returned to the Albany, NY area and focused on the theme, **Reflect, Recharge, and Regroup!** **BMCC XIII: Custody Litigation, Trauma, and Recovery**, was held in 2018. The theme for the 2019 conference, the BMCC XIV, is **#WeToo: Connecting the Protective Mothers Movement to the #MeToo Movement.**

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(800) 448-3500

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Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
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Reason for request: _____

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

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Name _____

Occupation/Title _____

Address _____

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Name(s) of people you are registering

1. _____

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2. _____

Paying fee of \$ _____

3. _____

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BMCC XVI Registration Fees:

Early Bird

(before April 1st, 2019).....\$125

Full fee

(after March 26th, 2019).....\$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

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The Fourteenth Annual Battered Mothers Custody Conference



**Battered Women,
Abused Children,
and**

**Child Custody
*A NATIONAL CRISIS***

The BMCC XIV:

***#WeToo: Connecting the
Protective Mothers Movement
to the #MeToo Movement.***

**Fri. April 26th, 2019 at 10:00 am
through**

**Sun. April 28th at 2 p.m.
The Desmond Hotel**

205 Wolf Road

**Albany, New York 12205
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