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Dear IV-D Director:

Beguiling views of white topped mountains and shimmering water, world class restaurants, outstanding microbrews and local wines, fascinating people ... Seattle will stun you this May. What about the weather? Well, watch the reports because there's a chance you'll get wet, but the average weather in early May is warmer ... that's high 60s for us ... and historically, only one or two rainy days that week. So get out and about.

As you might guess, the Edgewater sits on our historic waterfront, close to the Seattle Aquarium, walking distance to Pike Street Market and the original Starbucks, Pioneer Square, Underground Seattle, and, of course, the Space Needle. Not just about coffee, this is the home of Jimmy Hendrix, Dale Chihuly, Boeing, Microsoft and Amazon, and we have the museums to prove it. Need a little Pacific Northwest, left coast strange? Take a selfie with the Fremont Troll or make a contribution to the Gum Wall. Culturally and geographically diverse Seattle has something special to offer at every turn and is a delightful setting for a great conference.

Registration is now open for the 2017 annual meeting of the National Council of Child Support Directors (NCCSD) in Seattle, WA on May 7-10, 2017. The theme of this year's meeting is "Winning our Way Upstream For Families." The conference planning committee is still firming up the agenda, but from the topics identified so far, I'm sure it will be educational, informative, and hopefully a little fun!

The annual meeting of the NCCSD will kick off on Sunday, May 7, at noon Pacific Time with a meeting of the state IV-D directors (lunch will be provided). The annual meeting will open to all attendees for a reception at 5:00 PM on Sunday evening. There will be an evening social at the famous Space Needle on Monday night and an excursion on Tuesday afternoon. The meeting will conclude on Wednesday with a closed-door meeting with OCSE from 10:30 to noon. For those inclined, there will also be a golf outing on Saturday May 6 at [West Seattle Golf Course](#) starting at noon. Watch your e-mail for more details on these great events.

The registration fee for directors is \$400, even if you are not able to register until after the early-bird deadline for other attendees. Please refer to the registration form and the draft agenda for more details.

My colleagues in Washington State and I are looking forward to hosting you.

Sincerely,

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