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Kids First

An educational program for
separating parents to assist in
resolving the conflicts of divorce
for you and your children



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Family Service Agency's Kids First Program

Kids First is.....

An educational program for parents who are separating. It covers aspects of divorce and helps parents understand how they can restructure their family to lessen the negative impact of divorce on their children.



You should attend Kids First because....

You love your child(ren). Through education and encouragement, the program helps prepare you for coming to an agreement on child-related issues early in your divorce process.

Kids First helps parents put aside their differences and focus on the parenting issues necessary to help the children adjust to the divorce. Through the program, you learn about valuable resources in the area. Kids First also meets the DeKalb County statute for divorcing parents, Administrative Order 95-7, which became effective November 1, 1995.

Topics Discussed at Kids First

Many aspects of divorce are covered from legal issues to the emotional process. Some of the areas covered are:

- legal and procedural aspects of divorce
- the emotional process of the initiator and non-initiator of divorce
- stages of grief and loss
- age-related problems or symptoms typical of children of divorce
- single parenting
- new relationships
- best interests of the children
- advantages and disadvantages of custody arrangements
- communication during and after the divorce
- discipline and parenting tips

Reading as a Resource

Books are a very helpful resource for both adults and children. For adults, books can guide you through the legal and emotional roads you will be traveling. For children, books help identify and describe what they are feeling and what is happening around them.

Family Service Agency has a library for divorcing families and you may look at the books before and after your class.



Services for Divorcing Families Offered at Family Service Agency

- A New Beginning.....Adult Group
- Children of Divorce Group
- Counseling for Adults and Children
- Divorce Mediation
- Informational Seminar on Divorce Mediation
- Parent Information Topics
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Home Studies