

Marriages may end, families don't. . .

Children Cope with Divorce is a 4-hour seminar about the needs of children during and after the separation or divorce of their parents.

The seminar is conducted by licensed professionals with expertise in the areas of divorce and co-parenting.

The effects of divorce on children can be negative and potentially long term. Children must master an additional set of tasks, along with those posed by normal childhood development. This seminar educates parents about how to help their children adjust and handle these additional tasks.

Topics addressed during the seminar include: typical reactions of children, how childhood developmental stages affect children's ability to cope, co-parenting issues, and pitfalls to avoid.

Children Cope with Divorce benefits families by:

- Decreasing future litigation, court costs and time.
- Reducing the risk of adolescent drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, school dropout, and other adjustment problems.
- Increasing the likelihood of positive future relationships for parents and children.



A Child's Bill of Rights in a Divorce

1. To be told that my mother and father still love me and will never divorce me.
2. To be told that the divorce is not my fault and not be told about the adult problems that caused it.
3. To be considered as a human being and not considered as another piece of property to be fought for, bargained over, or threatened.
4. To have decisions about me based on what is in my best interests not on past wrongs, hurt feelings, or my parent's needs.
5. To be allowed to love both my father and my mother without being forced to choose or feel guilty.
6. To know both my father and mother through their regular and frequent involvement in my life. *
7. To have the financial support of both my father and my mother.
8. To be spared hearing bad, hurtful comments about either of my parents which have no useful purpose in my healthy development.
9. To be a child who is not asked to tell a lie or act as a spy or messenger.
10. To be allowed to have affection for the people who may come into my life without being forced to choose or feel guilty.

**Safety and best interest of the child is paramount in cases of abuse, neglect, abandonment or other extreme situations which are out of the ordinary.*

A Seminar for Divorcing Parents

Children Cope With Divorce



A licensed program provided by:



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Family Court Services

Enrollment is limited, so **REGISTER EARLY.**

To ensure placement in the seminar, registration must be completed **3 weeks prior** to the scheduled seminar date.

**To register:
The seminar fee is \$60.00 per parent.**

Completely fill out the registration form.

**Make checks payable to
"Waukesha County Clerk of Court"**
Credit cards or cash accepted in person.
Please **DO NOT** mail cash.

Mail or deliver in person your payment to:
Waukesha County Courthouse
Clerk of Court's Business Center
515 W Moreland Blvd. Room 153
Waukesha, WI 53188

**For questions prior to your seminar date,
please call 262-548-7900.**

You **will** receive a reminder e-mail the day prior to your chosen seminar date. You will **not** receive confirmation of your enrollment by mail.

If you do not attend the seminar as scheduled, you will be required to re-register for the next available class.

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You will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the seminar. If you have been referred by the Court, a copy of that certificate will automatically be sent to the Court.

Walk-ins are NOT accepted you must be pre-registered.

Please be on time. The class will begin promptly at its start time. **Late arrivals will need to be rescheduled.**

Please do not bring children with you. Childcare is NOT provided.

Please bring a pen or pencil. You are welcome to bring along a snack or drink as vending machines aren't easily accessible.

**Seminar Location:
Waukesha County Administration Building
515 W. Moreland Blvd
Waukesha, WI 53188**

**Parking is available at the Waukesha County Administration Building.*

Attendees will enter the Courthouse via the Main entrance. You will be required to go through security. Parking is available across from the courthouse as well as in front of the courthouse after 4:00 PM.

www.waukeshacounty.gov

Registration Form

Complete the following. Please print legibly.

Name as it appears on petition

Date of Birth

Age

Address

Address (line 2)

City/State/Zip

Cell Phone

Email Address

Case Number

Seminar Date you would like

Check here if a restraining order is in place.