

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 held at University of Wisconsin-Waukesha Campus, and 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:
Family Service of Waukesha

Co-sponsored by:
Family Court Services

Register early. Enrollment is limited.

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

To register:

Completely fill out the registration form.
The seminar fee is \$50.00 **per parent**.

Mail your registration form along with your check or money order (no cash please) payable to FCS to:

Family Court Services
Waukesha County Courthouse
515 W. Moreland Blvd., Room C-345
Waukesha, WI 53188
262-548-7900

You are expected to attend the seminar on the date you chose at time of registration since your registration is only for that date. If the seminar you chose is filled, you will be notified.

You will **not** receive a 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. An additional fee may apply.

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.

The seminar meets on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please be on time. The class begins promptly at 9:00am.
Late arrivals will need to reschedule.

See insert for dates and room information.

The classroom where the seminar is held may change from time to time.

Please check the Family Court Website for the most current information at:
www.waukeshacounty.gov

(click the following tabs)

Clerk of Circuit Courts, Family Court

Family Court Services

Children Cope with Divorce

Look at Seminar Schedule

Classes are held at

University of Wisconsin—Waukesha Campus
1500 N. University Drive
Waukesha, WI 53188

Family Service of Waukesha facilitates the *Children Cope with Divorce Seminar*. You may call Family Service of Waukesha during the week you plan to attend your seminar to verify that you are on the roster at 262-547-5567.

Walk-ins are NOT accepted into this class.

You must be pre-registered.

Please do not bring children with you.

Child care is NOT provided.

You are welcome to bring along a snack or drink. There will be two breaks. Vending machines are available for your convenience.

Please bring a pen or pencil.

Registration Form

Complete the following. Please print.

Name as it appears on petition

Date of Birth

Age

Address

Address (line 2)

City/State/Zip

Home Phone

Cell or Work Phone

Case Number

Seminar Date you would like

Check here if a restraining order is in place.