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FIFTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF MICHIGAN**

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JAMES P. LAMBROS
Chief Circuit / Family Division Judge

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 50TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA**

ORDER TO ATTEND CHILDREN IN THE MIDDLE

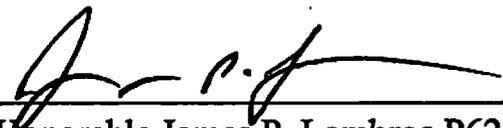
Parties involved in ANY action or proceeding involving a minor children with this Court, and this Court determining that it is in the best interest of the minor children of the parties that the Plaintiff and Defendant **SHALL BE REQUIRED** to attend the **CHILDREN IN THE MIDDLE PROGRAM** before this Court will enter its final order regarding custody, support and parenting time.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff and Defendant will be required to attend the Children in the Middle Program as offered through the Office of the Chippewa County Friend of the Court in collaboration with the Chippewa County Health Department, such program being an educational program for parents who are not residing as a family unit.

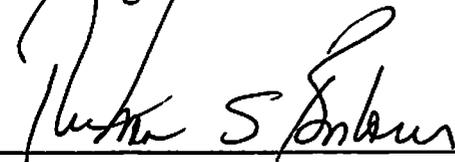
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Plaintiff and Defendant shall contact the **Chippewa County Health Department (906/635-3647)** to register for the program and upon completion, must provide a written verification to the Chippewa County Friend of the Court prior to any Order being entered regarding custody, support and/or parenting time.

IT IS SO ORDERED

2/22/13
Date

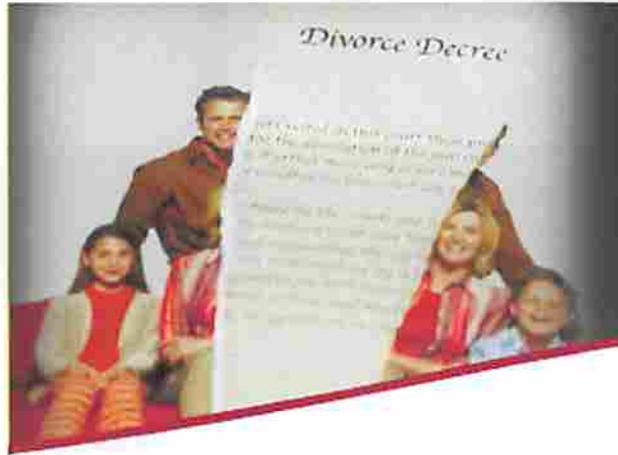
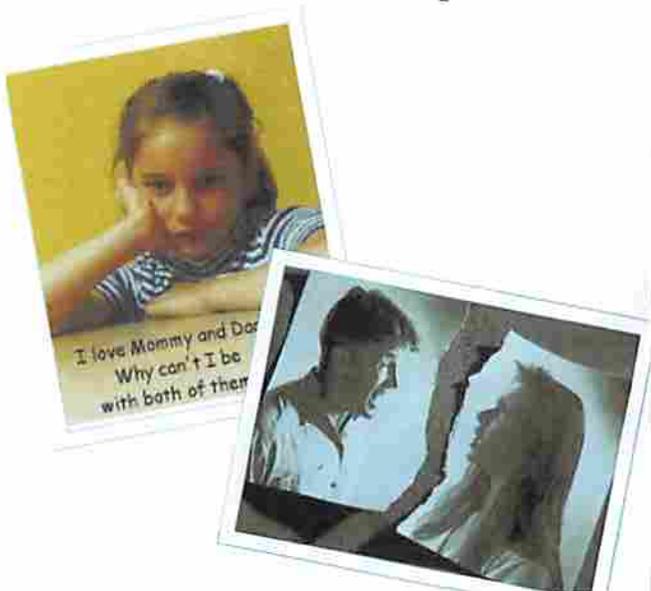

Honorable James P. Lambros P62099
Chief Judge of the 50th Judicial Circuit

Prepared by:
2/20/13
Date


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Background

Divorce affects more than 1.5 million children a year. The most damaging aspect of divorce for children is their parents conflict, particularly when it involves loyalty conflicts. A distinctive trend over the past decade has been the growth of co-habiting couples. The number of children living with co-habiting parents is growing rapidly. When these unions end, the disruption of the child's relationship with the non-residential parent is more severe. Children in the Middle was developed to reduce children's risk for post-



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Call to register

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"Someone has got to be able to get this family together and talk."

Children in the Middle

Program Description

The Chippewa County Health Department's Prevention Program is offering a program available to families in the area called "Children in the Middle". This is a skill-based program that helps parents deal with children's reactions to separation, divorce or co-habiting parents deciding to live apart from each other. Children in the Middle has been highly endorsed by parents.



Long Term effects of divorce on children- Rule of thirds for 5-10 years:

- 1/3 doing well
- 1/3 have some problems
- 1/3 have serious problems



This skill-focused program is free of charge. It is intended to help parents learn to target the most stress-inducing parental behaviors that surround the turbulent transition of separating and/or divorcing families.

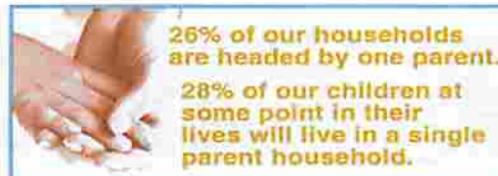
Program Sessions

The program involves attendance of one (1) class for approximately 3 hours. To help accommodate parental schedules, the program offers choices of four classes:

1st & 2nd Tuesdays:
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

3rd & 4th Tuesdays:
5:30pm - 8:30pm

Pre-registration is required.



One thing that children of separation or divorce have to deal with, particularly if the parental split or divorce occurs early in their lives, is the entry and exit of adults other than their biological parents into their lives... They develop emotional attachments with people who sometimes disappear from their lives.

Schedule

Pre-registration required

Call for dates and times of classes.



Please call
(906) 635-3647
to register your attendance or
for more information.

