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### *About Kids First Center...*

Kids First Center programs provide practical information and helpful suggestions to help separating or divorcing parents focus on the needs of their children

Co-founded by Resources for Divorced Families and the Junior League of Portland, Maine, Inc.



*The Kids First Center is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide support services to families of separation and divorce. Our services are available to all, regardless of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability or national origin.*



*Kids First Professional Education Series  
Presents:*

## The Team Approach to Collaborative Divorce

**An Interdisciplinary Workshop  
Providing Strategies for  
Financial, Legal and  
Mental Health Professionals**

Presented by  
Marsha Schechtman, LCSW,  
and  
Stuart G. Webb, Esquire

Friday, November 2 2007  
8:00am - 4:00pm

The Harraseeket Inn  
162 Main Street  
Freeport, Maine

## About the Speakers

**Marsha Schechtman, LCSW**, is a licensed clinical social worker with 27 years of clinical experience working with individuals, couples, families and groups. As part of her private practice, she works with couples and families who are transitioning through the divorce process. She has extensive experience as a co-parenting counselor, and also as a parent coordinator. Ms. Schechtman has been trained as a Collaborative Divorce Coach as well as a Collaborative Divorce Child Specialist. She is now responsible for training collaborative coaches and child specialists as well as providing advanced training in and outside of the Atlanta area. Marsha Schechtman is also a registered divorce mediator.

**Stuart G. Webb, Esquire**, is considered the founder of collaborative law. After practicing in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for nearly twenty years, he became discouraged by the effect he witnessed the legal system having on families. Becoming a trained mediator, he discovered that the mediation process was not sufficient for many parties. Webb created a new team approach – trained collaborative attorneys, financial experts and mental health/child specialist consultants working together to help their clients reach a fair settlement, keeping the best interest of the children at the forefront and getting on with their lives.

Stuart G. Webb has co-authored a book, *The Collaborative Way to Divorce – The Revolutionary Method That Results in Less Stress, Lower Costs, and Happier Kids-Without Going to Court*, which will be available at the conference along with other relative titles.

## Workshop Description

- Lecture presentation by speakers
- Role plays with audience members
- Panel of multidisciplinary professionals who have experience working with the collaborative model

## Learning Objectives

Participants will:

- Learn the difference between collaborative practice and adversarial proceedings, becoming familiar with the stages of a Collaborative Divorce Case
- Experience the “paradigm shift” required to make collaborative practice effective
- Gain an understanding of how the interdisciplinary approach enhances the collaborative way to divorce
- Learn the role and function of each of the participating disciplines including the role of the attorney, coach, child specialist, financial neutral and case manager
- Be involved in a fishbowl of role plays which will include an attorney/client meeting, coaching working sessions

## Suggested Audience

Guardians *ad litem*, financial, legal and mental health professionals

## Continuing Education Units

Applications have been made for CLEs and CEUs for legal and mental health professionals. All other attendees will receive a certificate of attendance for 6 clock hours.

## Directions to Harraseeket Inn 865-9377

Exit 22 off Route 295 North, Freeport  
Take a left and proceed straight ahead - the Inn will be directly in front of you. Parking lot is located in rear. If the lot is full, please be sure to park on designated side street for overflow.

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**Online Registration: [www.kidsfirstcenter.org](http://www.kidsfirstcenter.org)**  
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**Cancellation Policy:** Transfer of registration to another person may be done at any time without a fee. Requests for refunds received by Friday, October 26, 2007 will be fulfilled minus a \$25 service fee. No refunds will be issued after Monday, October 29, 2007.