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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:*

Busting the Myths About High Conflict Divorce

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

Presented by
Robin Deutsch, Ph.D.

Friday, November 3, 2006
8:00am - 4:00pm

The Harraseeket Inn
162 Main Street
Freeport, Maine

About the Speaker

Robin Deutsch, Ph.D., is the Director of Forensic Services of the Children and Law Program in the Department of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital and an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Harvard Medical School. Her work has focused on the application of child development research to child's adjustment to divorce, the evaluation of families involved in family change, parenting issues, and management of high conflict divorce, domestic violence, and parenting in divorce. She is the co-author of *7 Things Your Teenager Can't Tell You (and How To Talk About Them Anyway.)* Dr. Deutsch is a member of the Board of Directors of the AFCC, the AFCC Task Force that developed the Guidelines for Parenting Coordination (2005), and former president of the Massachusetts Chapter of AFCC. She is also a member of the APA Ethics Committee and a member of the American Bar Association Pro Bono Custody Committee.

Workshop Description

A morning lecture will provide research about high conflict families, answering such questions as "What do high conflict parents and children look like?" The presentation will also offer ideas as to why "one-size parenting" plans do not fit all families and will touch upon relocation issues. There will be a review of research literature on effects of high conflict on children followed by a question and answer period. The afternoon format will include a panel presentation of child survivors of high conflict divorce, followed by an overview of parent coordination, management of high conflict cases and the model of co-parenting vs. parallel parenting.

Learning Objectives

Participants will:

- Identify how high conflict divorce impacts children
- Understand how high conflict divorce differs from ordinary divorce
- Learn strategies to help parents in high conflict situations
- Gain knowledge as to the benefits of the role of a parent coordinator

Suggested Audience

Judges, attorneys, mediators, GALs, case managers, social workers, therapists, psychologists and educators

Continuing Education Units

Applications have been made for CLEs for legal professionals and CEUs in the field of psychology; all other professionals will receive a certificate of attendance for 6 clock hours.

Directions to Harraseeket Inn

Exit 22 off Route 295 North, Freeport
Take a left and proceed straight ahead ~ 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: kidsfirstcenter.org

Please visit registration page and proceed.

Confirmation: Email or phone confirmations will be made one week prior to the conference.

Cancellation Policy: Transfer of registration to another person may be done at any time without a fee. Requests for refunds received by **October 25, 2006** will receive a full refund minus a \$25 service fee. No refunds will be issued after **Monday, October 30, 2006.**