

The Mission of Acorn Counseling

When family bonds are broken by divorce, we seek to counsel and educate parents to help them become more aware of their children's needs.

Acorn Counseling is also a resource for adults and children needing individual counseling.

Professional Staff

Richard Ward, L.P.C. is a Licensed Professional Counselor with a master's degree in psychology from the University of Texas at El Paso. He is a Certified presenter of the "For Kids' Sake" Program.

Co-presenters include:

Richard's wife, Susan Ward, R.N. has been teaching this class with him for the last seven years.

Saturday morning and
Wednesday evening classes
To Register or for Additional information,
Call:
(361)937-8711

As a reminder for your records:
Date and Time of
Selected Seminar

Date: _____

Time: _____

Call to confirm location. Most classes are at Acorn Counseling at 9708 S.P.I.D., Bldg A, Suite 200. Driving toward the island, exit on Waldron and go under S.P.I.D. back toward town. Go past Texaco. We're upstairs in Padre Place One's first office building.

ACORN COUNSELING

For Kids'
Sake

Teaching Parents
How to Avoid Hurting
Their Children



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Required Seminar

(Parents may chose between this seminar and other comparable seminars designated by the court.)

“For Kids’ Sake”

“For Kids’ Sake” children’s interest seminars are designed to help parents gain insight into the needs of their children during the transitions of divorce. The program was developed by Practical Parent Education in Plano, Texas with funding and guidance from the Texas Bar Foundation. The program is currently provided in 35 counties in Texas. “For Kids’ Sake” was developed out of a concern for the potentially devastating effects divorce creates for children.

Divorce is a painful and confusing experience for all children. Research indicates that the manner in which parents handle divorce can have a direct effect on children’s adjustments. Even the most caring parents will find it difficult to focus on their children’s needs during such a traumatic time. Most parents will not have the skills necessary to help their children with the resulting change and loss.

“For Kids’ Sake” seminars help

put parents in touch with their children’s needs and provide them with the knowledge and skills to safely nurture their children through this process.

The four hour seminar is an educational experience. It does not deal with individual legal issues. It is taught by a licensed counselor and his associates. The overwhelming majority of parents who have participated in this seminar feel that it is a very supportive and worthwhile experience.

What Information Will be Covered? The seminar focuses on issues such as:

- Understanding the effects of divorce on children
- Gaining insight into children’s perceptions of divorce
- Talking to children about divorce
- How to avoid placing children in the middle of parent’s issues
- Maintaining a meaningful relationship

Is This Class Required? Parents involved in a divorce, motion to nullify, or other suits involving the parent/child relationship are normally required by the court to attend.

When are the Seminars Held? The semi-

nars are held twice a month on Saturdays, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Wednesday evening classes are also available twice a month. Private classes can also be arranged.

What is the Cost? Saturday classes are \$30.00 per person and are payable by cash or money order at class time. The For Kids’ Sake workbook is \$5.00. Persons who believe they may qualify for charity assistance may request an application form and be evaluated for level of need. The completed application, with the person’s most recent personal income tax form and a letter verifying all current income and sources of support must be returned one week prior to the scheduled class time.

Will I Receive a Certificate of Completion? All participants who complete the four hour seminar will receive a certificate of completion. Each participant is responsible for delivering the certificate to the court.

Are any Classes in Spanish? Small groups which are taught in Spanish will be provided as needed. All written materials are available in Spanish.

Llame para registrar tan pronto como si quiere su libro o su clase en Español.