

JOINT ORDER OF
THE 123RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
AND
COUNTY COURT AT LAW
OF PANOLA COUNTY

CHILDREN'S INTEREST SEMINAR

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PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS
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All parties in litigation affecting the parent-child relationships are required to attend and complete the Children's Interest Seminar (*For Kids Sake*) within sixty days of the filing date of the cause before the court.

The seminar shall focus on fostering emotional health for children during periods of stress brought about by divorce and conflict between divorced parents.

The seminar administrator shall be designated by the Courts. The Courts have currently designated Margaret Caldwell and Mary Sue Pippen to be the seminar administrators.

The course content shall generally consist of the following:

- (1) the development stages of childhood,
- (2) the needs of children at different ages,
- (3) stress indicators in children,
- (4) age appropriate expectations of children,
- (5) divorce as a growth stage,
- (6) the grief process,
- (7) reducing stress for children going through a divorce,
- (8) the changing parental and marital roles,
- (9) visitation recommendations to enhance the child's relationship with both parents,
- (10) financial obligations of child rearing,
- (11) conflict management and dispute resolution.

Each seminar shall be a minimum of two hours and a maximum of four hours. The seminar may include the showing of videos such as "*Don't Forget the Children*" and "*Children in the Middle*".

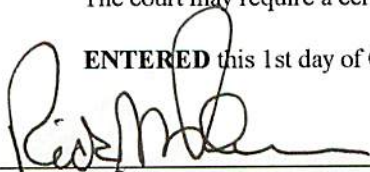
The seminar shall be presented at such times and places as scheduled and announced by the seminar administrator.

A fee of not more than \$30.00, unless waived by the Court, may be charged by the seminar administrator to be used to cover costs.

Each person completing the seminar and paying the appropriate fee shall receive a certificate to file with the Court.

The court may require a certified peace officer to be in attendance at each seminar to provide security.

ENTERED this 1st day of October, 1997.


HONORABLE RICK MCPHERSON, JUDGE
COUNTY COURT AT LAW, PANOLA


HONORABLE GUY W. GRIFFIN, JUDGE
123RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, PANOLA