

## Families Don't End – Even When Marriages Do

SEPARATION and divorce, custody, visitation and litigation are stressful for children, putting them at higher risk for depression or behavioral problems. Most kids, with the help of their parents, will adjust to living in a two-household family.

This five-hour educational program for parents, completed through two 2½-hour sessions, is conducted by highly qualified JFS clinicians and focuses on the needs of children during the challenging time of disruption and transition.

Participants learn how children experience divorce and how to minimize the negative effects of divorce.



## Where and When

*Children Cope with Divorce* is held at:

JFS Worcester  
646 Salisbury Street  
Worcester, MA 01609

For a list of session dates and times, please visit [www.jfsworcester.org/family/childrenCope.asp](http://www.jfsworcester.org/family/childrenCope.asp) or phone 508-755-3101.

Fee: \$80 per person.

Pre-registration is required. Each seminar is limited to 30 individuals. The court does not allow spouses to attend the same seminar.

Childcare is not provided.

Participants receive a Court-required certificate of attendance upon completion of the seminar.

*Children Cope with Divorce* is approved by the Massachusetts Probate & Family Court to fulfill the required parent education for divorcing families with children.

The program is an affiliate of the Transparenting Program of Families First of Atlanta, Georgia.

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State regulations prohibit joint attendance by divorcing couples.

Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate, if applicable:

\_\_\_\_ A restraining order is presently in effect

\_\_\_\_ A restraining order has been in effect in the past.

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Registration Form Please detach and mail with payment to JFS Worcester, 646 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA 01609

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend the *Children Cope with Divorce* Seminar on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with a check or money order payable to JFS Worcester. To allow for sufficient check processing time, JFS must receive checks at least two weeks prior to the session date. Alternatively, return this form and charge the credit/debit card listed on the reverse of this form:

### Seminar Discussion Topics

- Emotional needs of adults and children experiencing divorce.
- Typical reactions of children.
- Skills that help children cope.
- Parents' legal and economic responsibilities to their children.
- Constructive conflict management and dispute resolution methods.
- Pitfalls to avoid.
- Telltale signs of risk in children.
- How families experience divorce/separation and custody/visitation disputes.
- Developmental needs of children.

### The Mission of JFS

JFS Worcester provides counseling and social services to support individuals and strengthen family life. Based on traditional Jewish values of social responsibility and concern for all members of the community, JFS serves those in need without regard to race, religion or the ability to pay.

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