

Course Description

Kids First is a four-hour educational program designed for families to help their children cope with the difficulties of divorce and family conflict. Participants are presented with information and experiences to help them learn how parental relationships have a direct effect on children, how children might respond by age and gender, how to reduce separation distress in children, how to deal with parent-child alliances, how parents might free themselves from entrenched conflict, and how to develop a functional co-parenting relationship.

Registration & Fees

Complete the registration form and send it to: Kids First, P.O. Box 308, Scranton, PA 18501. A fee of \$30 per person must be included. All registration forms must be received no later than three days before the class date. **WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** In the event that you register for a class and are unable to attend, call the Family Court for the next available class. You will be notified of snow cancellations and a new class date by phone (be sure to list your phone number and register early).

Attendance Problems

If you have an emergency, you may reschedule a class by calling Kids First at (570) 341-2007.

2006 KIDS FIRST CLASS SCHEDULE

LOCATION:

**Lackawanna County
Courthouse
Jury Lounge (2nd Floor)
200 N. Washington Avenue
Scranton, PA**

**USE N. WASHINGTON AVENUE
ENTRANCE**

**TAKE ELEVATOR TO 2ND
FLOOR**

**WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS
NOT ACCEPTED**

DO NOT BRING CHILDREN

2006 CLASS DATES & TIMES

AM=8:30am-12:45pm
PM=5pm-9:15pm

Thursday, January 5 (pm)
Saturday, January 21 (am)
Saturday, February 4 (am)
Saturday, February 18 (am)
Thursday, March 2 (pm)
Saturday, March 25 (am)
Saturday, April 8 (am)
Saturday, April 22 (am)
Saturday, May 6 (am)
Thursday, May 25 (pm)
Saturday, June 10 (am)
Thursday, June 29 (pm)
Thursday, July 13 (pm)
Saturday, July 29 (am)
Saturday, August 12 (am)
Saturday, August 26 (am)
Thursday, September 7 (pm)
Saturday, September 23 (am)
Thursday, October 5 (pm)
Saturday, October 21 (am)
Saturday, November 4 (am)
Saturday, November 18 (am)
Saturday, December 2 (am)
Saturday, December 16 (am)

About the Presenter

Dr. Chet Muklewicz is a Pennsylvania licensed psychologist and he has advanced, certified training as a family therapist, divorce mediator, and custody evaluator. He completed post-doctoral clinical training in family therapy at the Family Therapy Training Center of the Philadelphia Child Guidance Center, University of Pennsylvania.

He is a professor of psychology at Lackawanna College and he maintains a private practice providing couples counseling, individual psychotherapy, family therapy, custody evaluations, divorce mediation, and post-divorce co-parent coordination. He has authored several books, including *"Kids First Parenting Plan"* and *"Kids First: Children Coping with Divorce and Family Conflict"*. Approximately ten thousand parents have attended his classes. He provides workshops to legal and mental health professionals throughout the United States.

Certificates

Certificates will be given to participants at the end of the class. You should keep your certificate as proof of your compliance with the court order to attend the Kids First Class. The presenter will send direct correspondence to the court to verify your attendance. No further action is required by you to verify your compliance with the court order.