

**IN THE 33<sup>RD</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**  
BLANCO, BURNET, LLANO, MASON AND SAN SABA COUNTIES OF TEXAS

*IN RE: "Child Development Seminar for Parties  
in Suits Affecting Parent-Child Relationship*

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**Standing Order to Attend Seminar**  
(Amended August 12, 1998)

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The District Court of said counties recognizes that there are numerous proceedings of divorce in which children are involved filed each year in this Court. It is further recognized that the consequences of divorcing parents may have a severe and lifetime effect on many children who experience a divorce by their parents, even where terms of conservatorship are not immediately at issue. It is further recognized by the Court and the law of the State of Texas, that except in unusual circumstances, the children involved in such proceedings have a right to maintain a meaningful relationship with both parties even after the divorce is completed. It is further recognized by the Court that this relationship is enhanced if the divorcing parents recognize the inherent problems of children in such a situation and are able to cooperate for the best interest of such children. The Court finds that a program which concerns the developmental needs of children with emphasis on fostering the child's emotional health during periods of stress is in the best interest of each child of divorcing or previously divorced parents.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:**

- (1) This Order applies to all persons seeking to become a managing or possessory conservator or seeking access to a child ( Parties ) in all original actions or modifications in suits affecting the parent-child relationship.
- (2) All Parties whose cases are filed after July 1, 1998, shall attend a seminar on the effects of divorce on children. This course will be presented at the District Courtroom in Burnet and Llano Counties, Texas at such times as may be determined from time to time. It is expected that it will be offered twice monthly, once in each of Burnet and Llano Counties. The fee shall be paid by each party.
- (3) The District Clerk shall provide a copy of this Order to each Party and shall attach a copy hereof to each citation issued to a Party. Any Party filing a waiver of citation shall provide a copy of this Order to the person signing the waiver.
- (4) Each Party must attend and successfully complete the seminar within 30 days after receiving notice of this Order.
- (5) The Kids First Seminar is hereby designated as an approved program to satisfy these requirements. A Party wishing to satisfy the requirement with another program may submit information to the Court regarding such alternative program for approval prior to enrollment in such alternative program.

Failure to abide by this Order may result in further individual direct orders to attend, and sanctions by the Court including not appointing the failing Party as conservator or not granting periods of access, or holding the failing Party in contempt punishable by fine and/or jail sentence.

RENDERED, SIGNED AND ORDERED FILED this day, August 12, 1998.

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Guilford L. Jones, III  
Presiding Judge, 33<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District