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**You are hereby notified that you are REQUIRED to attend the program on:**

DAY: Wednesday

DATE:

TIME: 4:45 - 7:00 P.M.

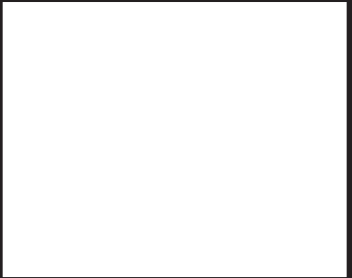
At the Judiciary Complex located at 3970 Kā'ana Street, Līhue, Hawai'i (See Administrative Judge's Memorandum.) Divorce parties are required to bring with them their children from the marriage who are from 6 to 17 years old. Paternity parties are required to bring with them their children who are subject to the custody dispute who are from 6 to 17 years old. **CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6 ARE NOT TO ATTEND.**

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

All children are affected by divorce and separation in some way. Many children experience long term emotional problems after their parents separate. If you can recognize and help your child with the special problems associated with separation during this difficult time you will give your child a lasting gift. Unfortunately, most parents do not have the information about children, separation, and divorce that they need to help their children.

The Kids First Program, sponsored by an independent steering committee and the Judiciary, is designed to provide information to parents about how to best help children adjust to separation and divorce. Information about the divorce and separation process is presented through video tapes, lectures by experts, and group discussions. Your children will also have a chance to tour the courtroom.

Do not attend the program while under the influence of alcohol or any illegal drugs. If you have any questions about the program, you need to reschedule your program date, you need special accommodations, or if a restraining order or protective order has been issued that affects you, please contact the Circuit court at 482-2330.



**NOTICE TO ATTEND  
KIDS FIRST PROGRAM**

The divorce plaintiff and the party filing the OSC for custody in paternity cases must file two forms for Kids First Program, using this procedure:

- (1) Pick up three (3) ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE'S MEMOS, three (3) NOTICE TO ATTEND forms, and one (1) KIDS FIRST INFORMATION SHEET from the Circuit Court Clerk's office (these forms are included in the divorce packets)
- (2) Fill out the top portion of the KIDS FIRST INFORMATION SHEET
- (3) Go to the Circuit Court clerk's office to
  - (a) File the Complaint for divorce or the OSC; and the NOTICE TO ATTEND forms;
  - (b) Turn in the KIDS FIRST INFORMATION SHEET (Circuit clerk will fill in the case number and date on the NOTICE TO ATTEND forms and the KIDS FIRST INFORMATION SHEET).
- (4) Serve the Complaint for Divorce or the OSC upon the opposing party, along with one filed NOTICE TO ATTEND form with the ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE'S MEMO attached, within five (5) days of filing them.

**NO COMPLAINTS FOR DIVORCE THAT ALLEGE THAT THE PARTIES HAVE MINOR CHILDREN NOR OSC's CONTESTING CUSTODY IN PATERNITY CASES MAY BE FILED AFTER MARCH 3, 1997, UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY:**

- (1) Three completed NOTICE TO ATTEND and the ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE'S MEMO'S forms (one for the Court and one for each party); and
- (2) A completed KIDS FIRST INFORMATION SHEET.

Family Court Judges may refuse to grant a divorce or adjudicate a paternity petition where custody is contest until the parties have attended this program. Attendance is documented on the KIDS FIRST INFORMATION SHEET, which is place in the parties' divorce or paternity file.

If either party needs to reassign the date they attend the program (for example, if a temporary restraining or protective order has been issued), arrangements can be made by calling the Circuit Court clerk at 482-2330.

**STATE OF HAWAI'I**  
FAMILY COURT  
FIFTH CIRCUIT

**NOTICE TO ATTEND KIDS FIRST PROGRAM**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE'S MEMORANDUM**  
(Supersedes April 14, 1997 Memorandum)

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Randal G.B. Valenciano  
Chief Judge

Calvin Murashige  
Family Court Judge

TO: All Fifth Circuit Attorneys; parties to divorce actions with minor children from the marriage; parties to contested paternity action in which child custody is contested.

FROM: The Honorable Randal G.B. Valenciano, Chief Judge

SUBJECT: Mandatory Attendance for the Kids First Program

DATE: updated to July 2007

Effective March 3, 1997, all Fifth Circuit divorce action parties who have minor children from the marriage, and parties to contested paternity cases (those with a filed Order to Show Cause, "OSC" regarding child custody) will be ORDERED to attend a session of the Kids First Program. This program is directed by a committee comprised of health professionals, court personnel, attorneys, and other volunteers. Divorce parties are FURTHER ORDERED to bring with them all children from the marriage who are 6 to 17 years of age. Paternity parties are FURTHER ORDERED to bring with them all children who are subject to the custody dispute who are from 6 to 17 years of age.

Attendance is mandatory in divorce cases even if there is no dispute about custody and visitation arrangements. There is a "good cause" exception to the mandatory attendance rule. Parties showing good cause to the Court why they should not be required to attend the program may have their attendance waved. A form is available at the Legal Documents office for this purpose. Persons residing on another island should contact the Family Court where they are residing and make arrangements to attend their program.