

**FAMILY COURT JUDGES' MEMORANDUM
FAMILY COURT, SECOND CIRCUIT**

TO: All attorneys Practicing in the Second Circuit
District, Family and Circuit Courts; All Persons Filing Divorce
Actions Who Have Minor Children From the Marriage

FROM: Shackley F. Raffetto, Senior Family Court Administrative

DATE: April 15, 2005

**SUBJECT: MANDATORY ATTENDANCE OF JUDICIARY SPONSORED PROGRAM:
"KIDS FIRST"**

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All divorce action plaintiffs and defendants, who are residing on the island of Maui and who have minor children from the marriage, are **ORDERED** to attend the judiciary sponsored program, "Kids First". Such plaintiffs and defendants are **FURTHER ORDERED to bring with them all minor child(ren) between six (6) and eighteen (18) years of age**. By reason of the order, the plaintiff, defendant, and minor child(ren) are required to attend the program on the date assigned.

Parties residing on the islands of Moloka'i and Lana'i are not required to attend the Kids First program but are encouraged to attend.

If the defendant is not served a copy of the complaint more than seven (7) days prior to the assigned program date, **AND** is unable to arrange his/her schedule to permit attendance, the defendant will be excused from attending on the assigned date but is required to attend the program on a subsequent date.

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY, EVEN IF THERE IS NO DISPUTE ABOUT CUSTODY AND VISITATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MINOR CHILD(REN). Requests for exemption from attending the program should be addressed with the Family Court at (808) 244-2770 .

No complaint for divorce which alleges the parties have minor children shall be filed unless accompanied by:

1. The original, and at least one (1) copy of a completed, "Kids First" Information Sheet; and
2. A copy of this memo regarding Mandatory Attendance of Judiciary Sponsored Program, "Kids First", attached to the complaint.