

**Attendance Guidelines:**

- Attend classes at the Bossier Parish Courthouse in Benton.
- For maximum benefit, attend same sessions as your divorcing spouse.

Dates Offered:

January 25, 2011

February 22, 2011

March 15, 2011

April 19, 2011

May 17, 2011

June 7, 2011

July 12, 2011

August 30, 2011

September 27, 2011

October 18, 2011

November 29, 2011

**DECEMBER NO CLASSES**

**Children's sessions are for  
8 to 17 year olds.**

**NO CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED FOR  
CHILDREN UNDER 8 YEARS OLD.**

**The Twenty-Sixth  
Judicial District  
Court Judges**

Bruce M. Bolin

Jeff Cox

Mike Craig

John M. Robinson

Parker Self

Ford E. Stinson, Jr.

**DIVORCE:**

**“CHILDREN IN THE  
MIDDLE”**

A program for divorcing  
couples with children



**2011**



## “Children in the Middle”

A program recognized by judges as “highly effective” was developed by experts in the fields of child clinical and developmental-social psychology.

The program has received the “Positive Parenting Award” from the National Council for Children’s rights and the “Active Parenting Award” from the Children’s Rights Council.

To help parents and children cope with the stress of divorce and custody hearing, judges in the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District of Louisiana have agreed under Rule 38 to implement “Children in the Middle.”

According to Rule 38, all parties in a custody matter filed after May 1, 1999, in the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District shall successfully complete “Children in the Middle” within 60 days after the divorce petition is filed and served.

The program is taught by Extension Educators/Home Economists with the LSU Agricultural Center’s Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service.

The program teaches:

- Parenting skills to prevent placing the child in the middle of conflicts.

The program is taught through the aid of video. Real life situations are depicted, showing how devastating controversy between parents can be for children.

According to the Center for Divorce Education, children of divorcing parents may exhibit the following behaviors:

- Loss of concentration
- Short attention span
- Poor grades
- Problems in school
- Emotional outbursts

“Children in the Middle” can help parents increase knowledge and develop skills to help their children make healthy adjustments as they experience the transition of divorce.

**Register today.** Ask the Clerk of Court’s office for a registration form, complete and return the form as indicated below.

Separate classes for the children’s version are offered at the same times and places as the adult classes. Parents need to enroll their children for classes, also.

Registration forms for Bossier Parish can be mailed to the LSU Agricultural Center, P O Box 370, Benton, LA 71006.

**Classes are offered  
2:00 to 4:30 p.m.**

**The classes will be held on the Fourth Floor  
of the LSU AgCenter’s Office of the  
Bossier Parish Courthouse in Benton.**

**THERE IS A \$20.00 FEE PER ADULT.**

**Refer to the back of the pamphlet  
for dates and  
attendance guidelines.**