

**“FOR KIDS’ SAKE”  
GUIDING PRINCIPLES:**

1. CHILDREN NEED BOTH PARENTS.
2. IN ORDER TO HELP THEIR CHILDREN, PARENTS MUST GIVE UP THE FIGHT.
3. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO IS THE CAUSE OF THE FIGHT, BOTH PARENTS ARE PART OF THE SOLUTION.
4. GIVE UP THE FIGHT BY GETTING EMOTIONALLY DIVORCED.
5. CHANGE THE SPOUSAL RELATIONSHIP INTO A BUSINESS/PARENTAL TEAM.
6. AVOID LEGAL TERMINOLOGY (E.G., “CUSTODY AND ACCESS”). CREATE A PARENTING PLAN.
7. SELF-MANAGEMENT IS THE GOAL AND THE WAY TO THE GOAL. DON'T TRY TO MANAGE THE OTHER PARENT.
8. COURT MAY GIVE AN ADULT WHAT THEY WANT, BUT CANNOT GIVE CHILDREN WHAT THEY NEED.
9. CHILDREN ARE NOT WEAPONS OR POSSESSIONS.
10. CREATE A LIFE. THERE IS LIFE AFTER SEPARATION, BUT YOU HAVE TO CREATE IT.