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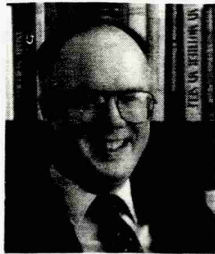
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R142...Strengthening Families Through Joint Custody, Mediation, and Visitation Enforcement. NCCR's position on policy and codes that will help strengthen intact families, minimize divorce, and maintain family ties for the divorced and separated. Includes views of Nick Stinnett, Dolores Curran, and other researchers of healthy families. 14 pages. \$5.00.

R143...Parenting Agreement. This report, which replaces NCCR's Premarital Agreement, focuses on parenting in marriage as well as in divorce. Provisions are included that protect your parent-child relationship. 20 pages. \$5.00.

R144...Implementing Executive Order 12606 (The Family). On September 2, 1987, President Reagan signed EO 12606 to ensure that the autonomy and rights of the family are considered in the formulation and implementation of policies by Executive departments and agencies. Includes sample letters to government agencies requesting conformance with EO 12606. 6 pages. \$5.00.

R145...Review of Child Support Guidelines - Presents alternative approaches to child support guidelines based on federal and state sources. For use by advocates and legislators seeking equitable child support. 65 pages. \$13.00.

R146...Interference with Access (Visitation) as a Tort, by Ronald K. Henry, Esq. Gives case citations showing how a non-custodial parent may collect damages from a custodial parent for interfering with access orders. 8 pages. \$5.00.

R147...Fathers Pay Child Support. A study by the Urban Institute (UI), Washington D.C., and funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Shows that fathers pay up to 40 percent more in child support than mothers say they receive; indicates that non-custodial fathers are more financially responsible than HHS wants the public to believe. Includes letter from an HHS official criticizing HHS's decision to discontinue this research project at UI. Not available from HHS. 100 pages. \$20.00.

#### MODEL BILLS:

B101...Model Joint Custody Bill, based on a model act prepared by the Joint Custody Association with additional provisions for long distance joint custody. Includes examples of joint custody arrangements, and "do's and don't's" to facilitate the passage of this bill in your state. 9 pages. \$5.00.

#### LEGAL BRIEFS:

L101...Friend of the Court Briefs in Support of Visitation Enforcement. Includes two legal briefs, one prepared by NCCR and the other by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), that were filed in California supporting a paternity action. Contains many legal and psychological citations that uphold the importance of maintaining any parent-child relationship after a child's parents separate. 36 pages. \$7.20.

L102A...Joint Custody as a Child's Constitutional Right. Two trial briefs adaptable for use in federal and state courts in support of joint custody. Includes Constitutional arguments and some references from report R109A. 48 pages. \$9.60.

L103...Friend of the Court Brief in Support of the Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act (PKPA). Filed with the U.S. Supreme Court (No.86-894) in March 1987 by NCCR and other groups. This brief argues that if 2 states both assert jurisdiction in a custody case, then the federal courts must support the PKPA and decide which state has jurisdiction. 16 pages. \$5.00.

L104...Challenging the Washington, D.C. Child Support Guidelines. This brief contains arguments applicable to guidelines in most states, although it was filed in the District of Columbia Superior Court, December 1988. Filed by NCCR and Greater Washington Area Chapter, National Women's Bar Association attacking the substance and procedure for the adoption of the D.C. guidelines. 50 pages \$10.00.

#### AUDIO CASSETTES:

A101...Needs of Children of Divorce. James Cook (Joint Custody Association), Dr. Carol Stack (Duke University), Lawrence D. Gaughan, Esq. (Law Professor), and officers of NCCR discuss the effect of joint and sole custody on children, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), visitation, women's economic issues, and more. Approximately 1 hour per cassette, on 3 cassettes. \$7.80 per cassette and \$22.00 for set of 3 cassettes.

A102...Implementing Joint Custody Agreements. A one hour discussion with joint custody specialists, Lawrence D. Gaughan, Esq., (Law Professor), Sarah Childs Grebe, M.Ed. (Mediator), and NCCR researchers on drafting and implementing joint custody agreements (discussed in Report R106). Answers legal and psychological questions often asked by attorneys, judges, parents, teachers, and children. \$7.80.

A103...Highlights of NCCR's 1986 Conference (Washington, D.C.). Includes some remarks by NCCR President, David L. Levy, Esq., keynote address by Lawrence D. Gaughan, Esq., comments by Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, and a talk by Dr. Velma LaPointe on parentology. \$7.80.

#### VIDEO CASSETTES (audio versions also available):

V101...False Allegations and Gray Areas in the Spectrum of Child Sexual Abuse. Arthur H. Green, M.D., Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons; Director, Family Center and Therapeutic Nursery, Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, N.Y., NY. Discusses: proof and non-proof of sexual abuse, gray areas, misperceptions of normal sexual behaviors, unknowing overstimulation of children, and gentle molestation. \$25.00. Audio version, AV101, \$7.80.

V102...Michigan Leads the Way with a State-Wide Balanced Approach for Children of Separation and Divorce. Colleen Steinman, J.D., Director, Michigan's Friend of the Court Bureau. Discusses the "Friend of the Court" staff, make-up visitation, and procedures for administratively resolving custody and access (visitation) disputes through mediation. \$25.00. Audio version, AV102, \$7.80.

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C102...The Written Connection. A communication system containing everything you need for 2-way correspondence between parents/relatives and children. Published by Melanie Rahn. One-year program for children ages 3-10, includes 72 page guidebook for parents, \$49.95. Three-month program for teenagers, \$12.95.

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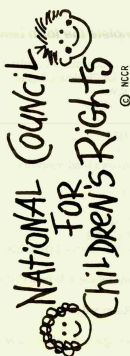


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## PROGRAM

**Friday, October 13, 1989**

- 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. **Pre-Conference.** Meet on steps of U.S. Supreme Court (across from U.S. Capitol) for visits to Congressional offices.  
11:00 to 12 noon. Registration.  
12 noon to 6:00 p.m. **Films, Exhibits and Bookfair.**  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. **Plenary Session:** Prince George's County, MD officials Carolyn Billingsley, Director, Commission for Children and Youth, and Hilda Pemberton, County Councilmember, discuss the county's Access (visitation) Counselor Position.  
1:00 to 2:30 p.m. **Press Conference...** New data and findings regarding children of divorce... Third Annual Chief Justice Warren E. Burger Awards for "Healers" Among Judges and Family Attorneys... Third Annual Awards for Best and Worst Treatment of Children of Divorce in Media and Advertising.  
2:30 to 3:30 p.m. **Keynote Address:** Michael Kerr, M.D., Georgetown University Family Center, Department of Psychiatry, Georgetown University Medical School, Washington, D.C., author of *Family Evaluation: An Approach Based on Bowen Theory*, will discuss **The "Family Systems" Approach.**  
4:00 to 5:00 p.m. **Plenary Session:** Ronald K. Haskins, minority staff, and Bill Hobby, majority staff, House Ways and Means Committee, and Cindy Marano, President Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW), Washington, D.C., will discuss **The Family Support Act of 1988 and Implications for the Future.**  
5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Registration  
7:00 to 8:00 p.m. **Plenary Session:** Michael Oddenino, General Counsel, NCCR: **An Overview of Child Custody Court Decisions.**  
8:00 to 9:00 p.m. **Plenary Session:** Anna Keller, NCCR VP: **An Overview of Access (Visitation) Research,** and John L. Bauserman, NCCR VP: **An Evaluation of Sole and Joint Custody Studies.** Moderator: NCCR Co-founder Elliott H. Diamond.  
9:00 to 10:00 p.m. Reception.

**Saturday, October 14, 1989**

- All Day: **Films, Exhibits and Bookfair**  
8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee Hour  
9:00 to 10:15 a.m. Welcome from David L. Levy, Esquire, President, NCCR.  
**Keynote Address:** Richard A. Gardner, M.D., clinical professor of child psychiatry, Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons: **Psychotherapeutic and Legal Approaches to the Three Types of Parental Alienation Syndrome Families.** The Syndrome involves one parent programming the child against the other parent, and the child joining in the denigration of that other parent.  
10:30 to 12 noon. Morning Workshops  
12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Lunch on your own or buy a sandwich and drink at luncheon Plenary Session (12:30 to 1:30) with Kathleen Brown, assistant editor, C-SPAN; Terry Frieden, senior assignment manager, Cable News Network (CNN); and Diane Dagit, publicity manager, WUSA-TV, discussing **Interaction between Child Advocacy Groups and the Press.** Moderator: Jimmy Boyd, Director of Research, Texas Children's Rights Coalition, Austin, TX.  
2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Afternoon Workshops  
4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Afternoon Workshops  
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Cocktail hour and a cash bar  
7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Banquet and Keynote Address  
**Greetings:** U.S. Senator Dennis DeConcini, (D-AZ)  
**Keynote Address:** Emily Visser, Ph.D., and John Visser, M.D., co-founders of the Stepfamily Association of America: **How to Win as a Stepfamily.**  
9:30 to 11:00 p.m. Desserts! Dancing! (to a DJ), and "Silk Soul" a capella "Oldies and Goodies."

**Sunday, October 15, 1989**

- 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Summaries of Workshops  
10:00 to 10:30 a.m. John F. Prior, Dir. of Information Services, NCCR: **Computer Programs and Data Bases for your Organization.**  
10:30 to 2:30 p.m. Discussion of NCCR affiliate chapters with state coordinators, prospective chapter organizers, and Doug Brooks, NCCR Legislative Advisor. Work through lunch. Sandwiches and drinks available.

# WORKSHOPS

## Saturday Morning: 10:30 to 12 noon

1. **Introducing the Aring Institute Model for Working with Children of Divorce in Groups.** Sally Brush, Coordinator, The Aring Institute, Cincinnati, OH.
2. **Banana Splits. A School-based Peer-Support Program for Children of Divorce.** Elizabeth M. McGonagle, M.S.W., School Social Worker, Ballston Spa, NY.
3. **A Proposal for Lawyers and Mental Health Professionals for Resolving Sex Abuse and Child Custody Disputes Without the Utilization of Adversarial Proceedings.** Richard A. Gardner, M.D.
4. **Formation and Termination of Parent-Child Relationships: Sex Discrimination in the Law.** Ronald K. Henry, Esquire, Washington, D.C.
5. **Working with Children in Stepfamilies.** Emily Visser, Ph.D. and John Visser, M.D., Lafayette, CA.

## Saturday Afternoon: 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

6. **What Children Say is Not Always What They Mean.** Donald K. Smith, Ph.D., Educational Psychologist, Marriage, Family, Child Counselor, Santa Ana, CA.
7. **Political Strategies: For and Against Joint Custody.** James A. Cook, President, Joint Custody Association, Los Angeles, CA.
8. **Litigating for Joint Custody Clients and Attorneys.** Gerald Solomon, Esquire, New Carrollton, MD.
9. **The Relationship between Father Absence and Teenage Pregnancy.** Melva Newman, A.C.S.W., Altadena, CA.
10. **Open Adoption: A New Way of Blending Families.** Jon Ryan, President, NOBAR (National Organization for Birth Fathers and Adoption Reform), Baltimore, MD, and Marianne Becker, adoptive mother, Ellicott City, MD.
11. **Healthy Divorce/Cooperative Parenting: The Gateway to the New American Family.** Beverly Willis, Court Service Officer; Jan Powell, M.A., Child Therapy Specialist; Barbara DeMarea, A.C.S.W., L.S.C.S.W., Mediator/Therapist, KS.

## Saturday Afternoon: 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

12. **Conflict Resolution; Positive Tools for Effective Results.** Michael Oddenino, General Counsel, NCCR, Arcadia, CA.
13. **Political Directions for Children's Rights Activists.** NCCR Coordinators Andy Cvercko, OH; Tom Greco, NJ; Art Hemmerlein, NC; Steve Metzger, NY; Pat D'Angelo, CT; Melanie Rahin, AZ. Moderator: John Gizzi, writer for *Human Events*, a weekly newspaper, Washington, D.C.
14. **Re-Defining the Family. What is it That Makes a Family a Family?** Lita Linzer Schwartz, Professor of Educational Psychology, Penn State, Oganitz, PA.
15. **Why Do I Have to Listen to Her? She's Not My Mother.** Carla A. Goodwin, M.Ed., Guardian Ad. Litem, Psychologist, Consultant to Plymouth Probate and Family Court, Suffolk Court, Boston, MA.
16. **Mediating Joint Custody Disputes.** Lawrence Gaughan, Attorney, Mediator, Arlington, VA.

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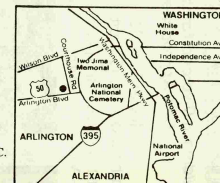
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