



When Children Reject a Parent: Strategies for Professionals

Should I attend this conference?

The short answer to that question is **YES!** This conference is designed for attorneys, child welfare workers, custody evaluators, court attorney referees, mediators, mental health professionals, judges, and other professionals who work with high conflict families.

The longer answer is also **YES!** You should attend this training if you work with clients or families where child(ren) refuse to see the other parent and...

- ✓ there is high conflict around financial matters
- ✓ there is a history of infidelity
- ✓ there is a history of DV/Mental Health/Substance Abuse/Child Welfare/CPS concerns
- ✓ the parents bring every disagreement to court for resolution
- ✓ the children refuse for unclear/nonspecific reasons (ie. "She's mean")
- ✓ the children can't identify any positive experiences with the parent they are rejecting
- ✓ the children can't identify any positive qualities in the parent they are rejecting
- ✓ the children can't identify any negative qualities in the parent they are 'aligned' with
- ✓ the children use adult terms/phrases to report/discuss the problems with their parent (ie. "My dad is financially irresponsible" "I am concerned about my mother's ability to parent me" "I am uncomfortable with my father's lifestyle")
- ✓ the children can't use other words to define their concerns
- ✓ the rejected parent appears to have had a good relationship with the children until the separation/divorce
- ✓ the rejected parent refuses to consider how they may be contributing to the problem
- ✓ the custodial/foster/kinship caregiver refuses to make the child(ren) available for access/visitation
- ✓ the custodial/foster/kinship caregiver insists the children don't like the other parent
- ✓ the client insists that you do everything you can to make their child(ren)'s other parent "go away"
- ✓ the parents are screaming "alienation!"
- ✓ your client is being denied access with the children



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