



“ On T h e M o n e y R e p o r t ”

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PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM PARENTAL CONFLICT

From “Children First”.

Children can continue to grow and thrive even through a divorce if their parents insulate them from intense or prolonged hostilities. Parents who accomplish this share some important qualities:

1. They make it clear that they value their child's relationship and time both with them and with the other parent.
2. They work out a fair, practical and consistent timesharing schedule, with either temporary or long-term, as soon as possible. Once that agreement is reached, they make every effort to live up to its terms.
3. They tell each other in advance about necessary changes in plans and are reasonably flexible to accommodate the other parent's needs.
4. They prepare the child in a positive way, for each upcoming stay with the other parent and provide normal routines for the children.

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5. They do not conduct adult business when they meet to transfer the child or use the child as a confidant, messenger, bill collector, or spy.
6. They listen caringly and encourage their child to work out problems with the other parent directly.
7. They allow their children to show their feelings.
8. They monitor children's behavior for changes.
9. They give their children permission to love both parents,
10. They seek outside social supports. (Relatives, friends, etc.)

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