

**CIRCUIT COURT OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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FOURTH CIRCUIT POLICY #06-08

**S.M.I.L.E. Parental Education Program**

It is the policy of the Fourth Judicial Circuit that a S.M.I.L.E. (Start Making It Livable for Everyone) parental education program be completed before a Decree of Divorce involving children will be signed.

The S.M.I.L.E. participant will attend classes comprised of a video presentation and a group discussion lead by trained facilitator(s) addressing strategies to aid parents in minimizing the negative effects of divorce on our children.

A Decree of Divorce involving children will not be signed unless both parties file a certificate of course completion; obtain a waiver from the Court if they have completed a similar program; or can show extraordinary circumstances.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2006.

Warren G. Johnson  
Presiding Judge  
Fourth Judicial Circuit

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