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What is the problem at hand (why have I come here)?

- The increasing incidence of physical and emotional "ramifications of divorce" seen in the office
- The horrible tendency of divorcing parents to put their own needs before those of their children
- Is it really possible that change in the judicial system CAN occur on behalf of the children?

What do I see in the office in the children of divorced or divorcing families?

- Monday morning "he said/she said"
- The terrible things kids hear in my presence/who knows what they hear elsewhere/don't parents understand that they make fun of their kids when they tear apart their soon-to-be ex-spouses?
- The impediments to good "doctoring" that chronic hatred brings

What is the REAL problem with letting things continue as they have for decades?

- Dealing with the PARENT'S psychological issues FIRST (is a mandate necessary)
- How can we SAVE the "self esteem" of the children of fractured families?
- Today's system often sets kids up for failure

How can the courts truly HELP the children instead of just upholding the BROKEN guidelines?

- What does "shared" custody really mean?
- If parents truly HATE each other how can any child turn out "normal"
- FORCE parents to get a psychological evaluation during the custody determination process
- Sit down with BOTH parents in the room and spell out how kids come first

If I tell you that the "system" is BROKEN, who will believe me?

- What to do about attorneys how ONLY seem to care about "billable hours?"
- The ridiculousness of the "political correctness" of 50/50 custody plans
- Shouldn't the purpose of the court's intervention in divorce cases be the wellbeing of the children of that marriage?
- How can I, as a pediatrician with 25 years of experience help to make some real changes for the benefit of all children?

What our practice is doing to make a difference

- The Contemporary Family and Dr. Jeannette Lofas Certification
- Inviting BOTH parents into the office for a lecture on "responsibility of parenting following divorce"
- Convincing parents to "settle early" to avoid tens of thousands of dollars of legal fees going forward, leaving them both too poor to raise children