

Rupture and repair: Supporting young people through their family breakup.

50,000 children living with family breakup
Young people want to have a say
2006/12 :Shared parental responsibility/FDV
65 Family Relationship Centres
X – just about mediation and agreements
Big picture: shifting views, collaboration

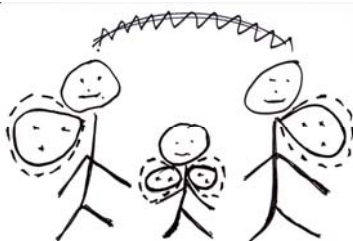
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Conflict: normal baggage



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Ongoing conflict: heavy baggage



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What effect does this have on these young people?

Risk of developing emotional, social and behavioural problems, as well as difficulties with concentration and educational achievement.

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Emotions and attachment from Kids in Focus Seminar

- [Video](#)

Rupture, ground hog day and coping techniques

- Caught between their parents conflict
- Parents state of mind = child's state
- Torn loyalties, no trust and the messenger
- Normal independence fast tracked
- Responsibility, parent the parent
- Bury their head/emotions in the sand
- No safe space for healthy dvpm. growth

**Current trends,
Blacktown FRC and
collaborative support for
repair.**

1. Current economic situation
2. Increase in culturally diverse families
3. Early intervention and support

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**1. Current economic
situation**

- Living under the same roof
- Heightened acrimony and stress
- Emotions and Family Domestic Violence
- AVO's, mental health, drugs and alcohol
- Entrenched negative views – child's video
- Safety vs child right to a relationship

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**2. Increase in culturally
diverse families**

- Paterfamilias structure
- Authority figures, loss of face and shame
- Joint decision-making
- Parental responsibility
- Breakdown of family structure
- Child: in middle of 2 homes and 2 cultures

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**3. Early intervention and
support.**

- Court, FACS, Cert 60i B
- Alienation and hatred
- Child inclusive – Voice of the child
- Legal assist cases
- Schools, community and social workers
- Solicitors and police

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