

Feedback Form Results n = 165

Helping Children and Parents Cope with Divorce

April 7&8, 2011 Presented By Joan B. Kelly, Ph.D.

Thank you for attending this program. We value your comments. Please give us your feedback.

1. How helpful was the program in increasing your understanding of:

<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Very Helpful</u>		<u>Some Help</u>		<u>No Help</u>	<u>AVG</u>
1) <u>Risk Factors for Children</u>	5	4	3	2	1	3.9
2) <u>Protective Factors</u>	5	4	3	2	1	3.9
3) <u>Child Development Research & Parent Plans</u>	5	4	3	2	1	3.8
4) <u>More Parenting Plans</u>	5	4	3	2	1	3.7
<u>Day 2</u>						
5) <u>High Conflict Divorced Parents</u>	5	4	3	2	1	3.7
6) <u>Male & Female Domestic Violence</u>	5	4	3	2	1	3.5
7) <u>Special Problems for Children & Parents</u>	5	4	3	2	1	3.1
8) <u>Specialized Non-Therapeutic Interventions</u>	5	4	3	2	1	3.1

2. How effective was Dr. Kelly in presenting this program?	<u>Very Effective</u>				<u>Ineffective</u>	
	5	4	3	2	1	3.9
3. How responsive was Dr. Kelly to the participants?	<u>Very Responsive</u>				<u>Nonresponsive</u>	
	5	4	3	2	1	4.1
4. Were the handouts suitable and useful?	<u>Very Useful</u>				<u>Useless</u>	
	5	4	3	2	1	4.4
5. How effectively did Dr. Kelly use technology?	<u>Very Effective</u>				<u>Ineffective</u>	
	5	4	3	2	1	3.9
6. How knowledgeable was Dr. Kelly regarding the material?	<u>Most Knowledgeable</u>				<u>Not Knowledgeable</u>	
	5	4	3	2	1	4.7
7. How appropriate was this program to your level of education & experience?	<u>Very Appropriate</u>				<u>Inappropriate</u>	
	5	4	3	2	1	4.1
8. How current was the information Dr. Kelly presented?	<u>Very Current</u>				<u>Out of Date</u>	
	5	4	3	2	1	4.6

Comments regarding the quality of instruction and teaching ability of Dr. Kelly:

9. BEFORE the program began, how valuable did you anticipate that this program would be for you?	<u>Very Valuable</u>				<u>No Value</u>	
	5	4	3	2	1	4.2
10. NOW that the program is over, how valuable did you find it?	<u>Very Valuable</u>				<u>No Value</u>	
	5	4	3	2	1	4.3

11. Please rate the facility.	<u>Excellent</u>		<u>Acceptable</u>		<u>Poor</u>	
The room in which the seminar was held	5	4	3	2	1	4.1
The Host Hotel in general as a site to hold seminars	5	4	3	2	1	4.0
Comments:						

12. **Did you require an accommodation for a disability?** ___Yes ___No.
 If Yes, please comment on the effectiveness of J&K Seminars in fulfilling your request for accommodations.

13. Please rate the J&K Seminars staff.	<u>Excellent</u>		<u>Acceptable</u>		<u>Poor</u>	
At the seminar, were you greeted and made to feel welcome?	5	4	3	2	1	4.5
Was the staff at the seminar registration tables courteous and helpful?	5	4	3	2	1	4.6
Was the staff at the bookstore courteous and helpful?	5	4	3	2	1	4.0
Your overall rating of the J&K Seminars staff	5	4	3	2	1	4.5
Comments:						

14. Please rate the refreshments served at the program.	<u>Excellent</u>		<u>Acceptable</u>		<u>Poor</u>	
	5	4	3	2	1	4.3
Comments:						

15. **Have you attended other J&K Seminars?** ___Yes ___No

16. Now that you have attended this J&K Seminar, how inclined are you to attend another J&K Seminar?	<u>Highly Inclined</u>		<u>Somewhat Inclined</u>		<u>Disinclined</u>	
	5	4	3	2	1	4.3
Comments:						

Additional Overall Comments, Criticisms, Compliments and Suggestions (What can we do to improve our programs?):

Please give this form to our staff when you pick up your certificate

OR

Mail to: J&K Seminars, 1861 Wickersham Lane, Lancaster, PA 17603

Fax: (717) 393-4605

comments current seminar**Speaker**

Would have preferred more techniques focus rather than research focus

Would have liked more connection to tx practice, more clinically oriented

Wonderful, we needed more time to tap into her vast knowledge and experience

Wish alienation info could have been more and less on info that we as therapists can't really use, very interesting but not very useful

While she seemed knowledgeable and well-intended, most of her presentation was too basic for an audience of mental health professionals

way too much research, minimal interventions and therapists style

Very well informed and her trainings are jam packed with great info, but she skipped over much I was interested in, I would have liked the alienation handouts

Very thorough, well organized and highly versed in field of study, educational but did not feel talked down very useful strategies presented that can be easily integrated

Very professional, well spoken, very easy to listen to, very well versed in presented material

Very knowledgeable in her field, however her presentation style was a little boring. Her handouts were excellent, but we would have benefited from video of sessions with families.

Very knowledgeable but the info provided could have been delivered in a more engaging way

Very knowledgeable and informative

very knowledgeable and had great information she was extremely monotone and over the 2 day seminar, I had a difficult time tuning in, she needs to incorporate movement and jokes

Very knowledgeable about topic, not a very interesting presenter

very knowledgeable but too much reading of slides to the audience for my taste

very good but had more to cover than time to present, she mentioned she needed a third day , how about bringing that day as a webinar

Very comprehensive, however some of the material was basic info that most people know , rather uninspired delivery

very calm speaking style, less than dynamic and she used too many examples and negative info, could've been more concise, forward and consistent with schedule

very appropriate, wonderful

Tried to cover too much information and poorly organized, needed to be more interactive, more practical and clinical approach with less of research aspects

too much time reviewing, too much story telling too slow

Too much time on basic development. Poor time management structure

too much info tried to be covered on Friday

Too much info in 2 days could have used other tech besides power point. Overall Dr. Kelly is a good presenter.

Too much good info for 2 days, too much time reviewing the info we had in our handouts and too little time reviewing the info that wasn't in handouts

too much content, mind can only absorb so much needed more audience involvement/participation

too many questions, topics not addressed due to questions but great knowledge

This info was very good and it is obvious she is an expert. The presentation was a very dry and uninteresting but I was very impressed by Dr. Kelly's advocacy for fathers

The presentation would have benefitted from a bit more humor and/or Dr. Kelly's letting more of her personality come out

Some good material presented too much on domestic violence. Should have addresses audience questions on divorce instead

comments current seminar

Speaker

Simply too much info, never discussed Helping divorcing families adequately

Should have researched PA law better, she did a fine job of teaching, not enough clinical applications, little attention to case studies

she seemed to be promoting an agenda about father involvement and did not present all of the other issues regarding children and divorce in enough detail, she minimized the seriousness of domestic violence

She needs to incorporate a variety of instructional methods, not just review PP slides, slides were too dense.

She needs to elaborate her energy level and work on expression skills, too monotone. She actually got better after lunch

She is very knowledgeable but moves at a slow pace. I wonder if she would do better in a smaller venue or less information

She dwelled on topics familiar to most of the audience despite her extensive knowledge and experience. I think she could have shared more real info

Review of research was dry, frequently off track did not follow schedule timeline did not cover all of the material no tools for intervention provided, presented material not in packet

review a lot of common clinical knowledge very useful info, she seems like a phenomenal sensitive therapist, comprehensive scope of material but would have liked more interactive components

Really appreciated the research based info. I can apply as I see fit. Perhaps control levels were not measured in the study related to the day care mentioned in day 1

Presentation was very fact and data heavy, there was not many case examples or interventions discussed

Please spend more time on parent alienation and provide more info about this topic

not enough experimental learning, granted she had a huge amount of ground to cover, would have appreciated the bibliography in hand while at training

NEEDED TO USE AUDIO VIDEO FOR EXAMPLES ARE TO BREAK UP SEPAKING, TOO MUCH LECTURE BEHIND PODIUM

More active involvement from audience would help

Maybe too much, a lot of time answering questions that I would have liked to have heard at her topic. Need the alienated child material in her packet

May have been interesting and relevant to hear personal vignettes from people in audience and speakers response

material was dry more practical application needed related to high conflict divorce, management strategies to deal with the most difficult parents

Liked the cartoons and children's drawings

Knowledgeable about the subject, however presentation was not dynamic, difficult to remain engaged

it would have been helpful to have slides, handouts corresponding to afternoon discussion on second day

info would be more helpful if synthesized and salient

I would have liked more clinical vignettes of therapist interventions w/ parents and children, perhaps a video or role play based on actual clinical examples last session material was rushed and lack of slides and handouts did not help

I prefer when the speaker moves about rather than be planted by a podium. I understand that may be J&K's request for taping

I learned a lot, research based presentation very effective. Many of my own myths were debunked, excellent speaker, you had my attention throughout

I felt as though I knew a lot of the info. It just seemed common sense. I really didn't learn anything. I was very disappointed with the presentation

I feel that less time should have been used to review the research. We are generally acquainted with this, I wanted to hear more about how to integrate this knowledge into effective practice

hoped for more useable strategies for therapy sessions

hesitant and not confident which made it difficult to focus

comments current seminar**Speaker**

Her presentation was not what I expected

Her knowledge is enormous just needs to kick up presentation style

her examples were chosen and contributed to her presentation, illustrating her points

Great practical info, a little bit sleepy

Great job!

Good timing, positive approach, enthusiastic, excellent at alternating printed, with cartoons, with answers to groups questions

Good research, interesting throw back to grad school quarter century info

Good program, one of the best J&K I have ever attended. Dr. Kelly made impressive effort to cover material and respect time

Good materials but a very long dry boring presentation and no time to answer questions

Found Dr Kelly and entire program one of the best I have ever attended

Excellent presentation! While I am a licensed master level clinician, I came to this seminar primarily as a child of divorce. This 2 day seminar I found to be extremely helpful in processing and learning from the past events. Very enjoyable and helpful

Excellent comprehensive

Excellent

Dr Kelly showed some flashes of a sense of humor, she could take a great presentation to even greater if she could inject more humor

Dr Kelly seemed focused on getting fathers more time with children which was ok if father is equally capable of the caretaker role and not just a playmate, she also needed to stay much closer on schedule

Don't limit your personal/professional examples to illustrate your points. They were very informative! Also, great jokes, we have to find the humor in these topics or we will just feel like crying

Could have been more dynamic with more diverse perspectives. Disciplines

content very good, lecture style is not as dynamic as moving

Come across as bias, very pro dad vs. neutral presentation of overall parenting issues in divorce, the entire selection of parent alienation handouts were missing and that was some useful info

Clearly an expert in her field and has a lot of excellent information and research to share, the presentation was a little dry would have appreciated some videos or role playing and more hands on techniques to help couples and children

appropriate but nothing about therapy and process for children to heal and hurt, nice to see cartoons every once in a while, quite a bit of ongoing talking without variety but stories were helpful very slow moving, somewhat dry and dull info downloading

Appreciated the research but felt it was heavily emphasized when practical suggestion for the practitioner would have been more helpful. Very knowledgeable

An expert in her field, I liked her focus on research, a lot of redundant info

A lot of time was spent on reviewing research & going over child development, less time should be devoted to this and more time given to the actual practical use of the info

a great amount of info regarding the parents, which I realize impact the coping of children through the separation process, great real life stories to father explain points

99% of her presentation was unnecessary info

comments current seminar

Overall

You are doing a fabulous job of making people feel welcomed and comfortable! Thank you!

you always have exceptional speakers and demonstrate details for accommodations

Would like to have seen here focus more on what she did the last 1/4 of the conference, In her defense, a lot of material in short time. Has good info, experience & research

Wonderful as always , keeps me coming back even in lieu of lengthy commute, wonderful speaker

What an organized seminar, great detail on making us feel comfortable

Very well organized

Very good quality

Try to screen presenters ability to teach

This is my 2nd seminar and I thoroughly enjoy them

Thanks for your effort, I always enjoy your trainings, they always meet my needs well

Thank you so very much!

Some of her slides were not in handouts, Overall the seminar did not live up to its title, it was not as much about how to help children and parent to cope but rather more simply facts about and descriptions of people in these situations

Seminars are always excellent

Presentation was highly focused one info PR actioners already have, attachment. More focus on how to help parents move past their adult issues/anger to help children thrive. Research was useful but redundant.

Please keep up the great offerings

Please keep room cool ,helps with sitting fatigue

My favorite place to come, I felt happy just arriving here today, it feels like home, nurturing, organized comfortable and stimulating

make sure speakers don't attempt to cover more material than they can, better pacing

Lancaster county resident, so very accessible, also affordable and high quality

keep programs/schedules as they have been

J&K does seminars as well or better than anyone, I know I will be back

I would like to see more J&K seminars offered in the Pittsburgh Pa area

I would greatly encourage you to find presenters that incorporate more than just learning

I travel from Philadelphian, if it were a lot closer I would attend more

I thought the conference would be more about effective parenting through process of divorce, she seemed to speak more on the importance of a fathers role in parenting

I think Dr. Kelly believes that presenting information from her career as a mediator and/or custody evaluator is clinically relevant for psychotherapist. I believe strongly that she is wrong.

I have come to many conferences that you have sponsored and I have never been disappointed. Michael Yapko is still my favorite. He might be ready for a repeat performance.

I have attended your seminars forever and I enjoy them very much however the room is very dull it is like being in a cave, It is so difficult to remain awake at times, are there any other comparable facilities in the Lancaster area that have natural lighting

I have a 5 hour drive, very interested in web based programs

I am looking forward to returning to future seminars here. The location is ideal and the staff is exceptional. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication.

I am extremely impressed by the organization of the seminar and the incredible attention to detail

I always enjoy my mini vacation attending your top notch seminars

comments current seminar

Overall

Great as usual

Great job as always

Good presentation of research

Good job

excellent program

Excellent organization in registration, being on time.

Everything was great

Dr Kelly is very knowledgeable but her presentation was dry, I can read her research on my own, what I had hoped for was learning tools specific to helping parents and children

Can't think of a thing to improve, excellent all around

Can't believe I have never attended J&K Seminars before, have been in practice for over 20 years

As usual you plan well and take care of everything in quality of speakers to snacks to leaving, I have been to a # of your conferences and never have been disappointed

appreciate the police in helping to get out to RT 30 and having 2 ladies room downstairs

Always look for and enjoy your conferences

Always great content at a reasonable cost

Always a step above other conferences