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To the founders and trustees of "Our Kids First"

Every divorce is traumatic for those involved, but those involving children are even more challenging. A contentious or acrimonious divorce process, or even a drawn out one, can have a detrimental effect on the emotional, social and academic well-being of any children involved. Experience has shown that children of divorcing couples can emerge emotionally healthy if the process is handled with tact, decency and above all with taking into account the best interests of the children.

You, the founders of "Our Kids First," have identified the need for an organisation that can guide divorcing couples through the painful process of divorce. The organisation that you have set up has already proved itself as a valuable resource, providing an unbiased service to both parties in a divorce. Your advice and support cover a range of issues: legal and halachic divorce, financial settlements, custody and visitation arrangements, and practical and emotional support for those trying to navigate this difficult challenge, and all the while ensuring that the children's interests are a primary concern for all.

There is no question that with the appropriate advice and support, and the willingness of both parties to commit to cooperation in settling all matters, the process can avoid the confrontational, time-consuming, stressful and hugely expensive cost of court proceedings, to the benefit of all, especially the children.

We wish you at Our Kids First continued success in your work and may your efforts in bringing sholom to Klal Yisroel be a source of brochah for you and your families.

The Rov and Dayonim of the Beis Din

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