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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**KITM Approved to Provide Parent Education Class for St. Charles County**

*Non-profit partners with Family Court to provide state-mandated co-parenting class*

**ST. LOUIS (Feb. 3, 2020)** - Kids In The Middle (KITM), a local non-profit agency, has been an approved provider to deliver the state-mandated Co-Parenting Education Class (COPE) for the Family Court of St. Charles County and its residents. KITM will begin facilitating classes on February 8, 2020, at their facility in Maplewood, MO.

“We are very excited about this opportunity,” says KITM CEO, Katy Walter. “Providing services for children and families in St. Charles County has been a goal for the Agency, so becoming an approved provider for the COPE class is the first step in the right direction.”

Missouri law requires parents who are divorcing and creating or modifying a custody order to complete an educational parenting program. This program is designed to help parents learn how to nurture and support their children through the divorce and separation process, and to help parents develop ways to work together as co-parents effectively.

The COPE class is not a new service offering for KITM requiring specialized training or orientation for the agency’s clinical staff. Since 2001, KITM has provided the court-mandated class in the City of St. Louis. To date, nearly 2,600 participants have successfully completed the class through the Agency.

For more information or to register for the COPE class, call 314.909.992. The class is held on Saturday morning from 10:00 AM to 12:15 PM and costs \$60 per person, per class.

**About Kids In The Middle**

Kids In The Middle (KITM) helps children and families transition to a new way of life before, during and after separation and divorce, for the sake of creating healthier futures for all involved. Founded in 1977, KITM is a nationally accredited non-profit agency that provides comprehensive and confidential counseling, education and support services focused on the entire family. KITM is a proud member of the United Way of Greater St. Louis and receives funds from the St. Louis County Children’s Service Fund. KITM is located at 2650 S. Hanley Rd. in St. Louis, Mo. For more information, visit [www.kidsinthemiddle.org](http://www.kidsinthemiddle.org).

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