

# Research and Facts About Marriage

## Blended Family Issues

- ✚ Often a very complicated dynamic involving: torn loyalties, challenges defining the role of the new partner, impact of the ex-spouse on the new family unit, financial blending, difficulties blending discipline/nurture styles of parenting.
- ✚ We suspect that the challenges of blending families may be the reason for the higher divorce rate for second marriages, 10% higher than first marriages.
- ✚ Often if the new spouses are close; the kids feel bad; and when the parent is close to his/her child, the marriage is challenged.