

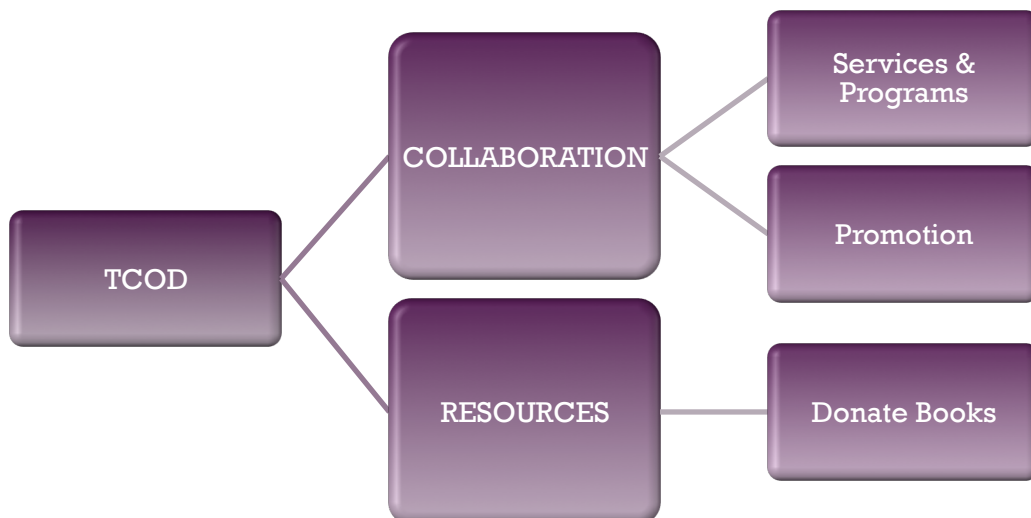


## Case Statement

## Mission Statement

The child of divorce is our mission. We collaborate, promote and house nonprofits that are providing resources and/or programs for children of divorce. Research shows that in general, children of divorce have lower grades, more learning difficulties, and more school absences, as compared to their peers living with their married, biological parents. Children of divorce are also more likely to experience sexual abuse, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, anxiety and depression, and gang involvement. The Child of Divorce desires to mitigate the negative effects of divorce.

*“Most divorces involve children, and more than one million children are affected by divorce each year.” According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census in 2006.*



## How do we achieve our mission?

We achieve our mission through networking:

1. **On-line collaboration**, which provides anyone desiring to help a child of divorce know what is out there,
2. **Services & Program Collaboration**, writing curriculum, providing counsel for implementation, promoting programs designed to help children of divorce and/or their parents and,
3. our **Book Program**, a program created to donate selected and reviewed books for children of divorce and/or their parents.

Additionally, we have a benevolence fund for situations that arise where our board members are able to directly meet obvious needs such as food, clothing or shelter for a child of divorce and/or their family.

We also provide web-based resources for parents and for teachers, but most importantly for the child of divorce. Any adult desiring to help a child of divorce can find resources on our site.

TCOD is a member of the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce and also serves as a Partner in Education through the Tulsa Metro Chamber of Commerce.

## Why choose to support THECHILDOFDIVORCE?

Choosing to support TCOD means you are choosing to support children of divorce all across the country, not just in your community. It also means that 100% of your donation is going directly to helping provide resources and collaboration efforts. We are 501(c)3 organization that

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does not allot for any salaries. We believe children of divorce are worth our time and efforts.

Our board members are selfless, highly qualified professionals already making a difference in their communities. They give of their time, talent and resources for the one child that it makes all the difference.

### **The History Behind the Organization:**

In August of 2008, professionals of all ages from many different fields of study sat around a conference table in the Tulsa area to discuss the growing concern for children of divorce.

This group formed a nonprofit initially named Blended Love, Inc. with a mission statement of “mending the heart of the child of divorce.”

Founders, Dr. Brian & Monica Epperson, both educators created a revenue source for the organization by donating royalties from a book written by Monica, “A Heart with Two Homes.”

The book, written for children ages four to ten, highlights the value of journaling for children who have been through a divorce. This book quickly became the first work of the organization, donating over five hundred books to schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations.

After many months of research and collaboration with multiple organizations studying the effects of divorce on children, Blended Love board members quickly became aware that the work needed to be done, even if it were for just one child of divorce. In May of 2011, the board unanimously voted to change the name to The Child of Divorce. Like most organizations, TCOD has evolved and changed since its original conception, but the goal has always been the same – to help the child of divorce.

For more information visit: <http://www.thechildofdivorce.com>

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