

MERCER COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS
101 N. Main Street, Courthouse - Room 205
Celina, OH 45822-0028
(419) 586-6461

NOTICE TO ATTEND PARENTING PROGRAM

You are a party to a family law action in which issues of parental rights and responsibilities are to be determined. In order to assist the Court in making the best decisions for the children and to attempt to minimize the negative impact this matter may have on the children, the Court, in the exercise of its authority to order family counseling, has developed a program intended to provide parents with information on how parents' separation affects the children.

Your attendance is required by local court rule as authorized by state statutes and Supreme Court Rules, and must be completed prior to a final court hearing. The program is intended to benefit all parties equally, but it is your children who will gain the most from your participation.

There is a one-time attendance fee of \$25.00 per person, which is payable with your registration form. Registration is made on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration is cut off after 25 registrations have been received. You may consider yourself registered for the class that you choose unless notified otherwise. No confirmations are mailed out.

The program is held each month in the Courtroom of the Mercer County Court of Common Pleas, 3rd Floor - Room 303, Mercer County Courthouse, Celina, Ohio, on the following days and times:

3rd Thursday of the months January, March, May, July, September, & November
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **(see attached registration form for specific dates)**

3rd Saturday of the months of February, April, June, August, October & December
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **(see attached registration form for specific dates)**

Please enter the courthouse by the north door (Livingston Street), the only entrance open for this program, approximately ten (10) minutes prior to the starting time. LATE ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED. You are required to sign in to receive credit and you must be present during the entire program to receive a certificate. If you are late, you will not be admitted for that session. If you leave prior to the conclusion of the program, you will not receive a certificate.

Payment of \$25 must be made at least **one week** prior to the session you are registering for to reserve your spot. There is a \$25 charge for returned checks and they will be turned over to the County Prosecutor's office for follow-up. **(NOTE: Checks or Money Orders must be made payable to: Mercer County Clerk of Courts.)** A partial or full fee waiver may be granted provided that **proof of income is provided along with the proper affidavit prepared by your attorney and submitted in writing at least two weeks prior to the class.** If you miss the program you were registered to attend, you will automatically be scheduled to attend the next scheduled program without losing your registration fee. If you miss the second scheduled program you will forfeit your fee previously paid and you will have to pay an additional \$25.00 registration fee. **Send Fee and Registration Form to Mercer County Clerk of Courts, Attn: Parenting Program, P.O. Box 28, Celina, Ohio, 45822-0028, Telephone (419) 586-6461.**

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FORM

HELPING CHILDREN COPE WITH DIVORCE GROUP

In order to make the group as useful as possible, please complete the information requested below. This will help the presenters to better understand the individual needs and circumstances of the participants for any given session. When appropriate, we may slightly alter the course to address special needs.

Name:	County That Ordered Attendance:
Address:	Mercer County Case No.
City, State, Zip:	Name of Attorney:
Contact Phone No.:	Is Case Already Filed: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Name of Other Party Involved in the Action:	

Age: _____	Highest Education Completed: _____
Are you: <input type="checkbox"/> Employed <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed	

Type of Court Action Pending? (CHECK ONE) DIVORCE DISSOLUTION SEPARATION CUSTODY CHANGE PARENTING DETERMINATION OTHER: _____	Length of Current Marriage: _____ Number of Times Married: _____ Never Married: _____ Number of Children Involved in the Pending Action: _____ Ages of Children Involved in the Pending Action: _____ With Whom Will the Children Reside Most of the Time? _____
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SPECIAL CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN AND DIVORCE:

PLEASE CHECK THE SESSION YOU WISH TO ATTEND

Thursday (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

January 21, 2010
 March 18, 2010
 May 20, 2010
 July 15, 2010
 September 16, 2010
 November 18, 2010

Saturday (9:00 - 11:00 a.m.)

February 20, 2010
 April 17, 2010
 June 26, 2010
 August 21, 2010
 October 16, 2010
 December 18, 2010

INCLUDE PAYMENT OF \$25.00 WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM

CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO MERCER COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS