

MERCER COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

101 N. Main Street, Courthouse – Room 205

Celina, OH 45822

(419) 586-6461

NOTICE TO ATTEND A-OK 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 \$30.00 per person which is payable to the Clerk of Court. Registration is made upon the filing of your divorce/dissolution. After the filing of your action, the Court will send a letter advising each party of the assigned date and time of the class he/she is required to attend.

The program is every other 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:

4th Tuesday of the month: January, March, May, July, September & November – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday (6:00 – 9:00 p.m.)

- January 23, 2018
- March 27, 2018
- May 22, 2018
- July 24, 2018
- September 25, 2018
- November 27, 2018

Please enter the courthouse by the north door (Livingston Street), the only entrance open for this program. **Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. 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 \$30 must be made at least one week prior to the session you are registered for to reserve your spot. **(NOTE: The Clerk of Court NO longer accepts personal checks. Payments may be made by cash, money order, or credit/debit card. There is a \$2 Convenience Fee for all debit cards and a \$2 or 3% Convenience Fee for credit cards, whichever is greater. Payments by phone must be made by credit card or electronic check.)** 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. **Send Fee to Mercer County Clerk of Courts, Attn: Parenting Program, PO Box 28, Celina, OH 45822-0028.**

Attendance is mandatory. If you are unable to attend on the assigned date, you may contact the court at (419) 586-2122 to make other arrangements. If you fail to attend on your assigned date, a court order may issue for your attendance.