

2012 CO-PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

In cases involving minor children, attendance at a four-hour Co-Parent Education Program is **required** of the parties in custody and divorce actions.

MINOR CHILDREN SHALL NOT BE BROUGHT TO THE PROGRAM

PROGRAM CONTENT

The program focuses on the impact of divorce on parents and children, with an emphasis on fostering a child's emotional health and well being during the periods of stress. The program is informative, supportive, and directs people desiring additional information or help to appropriate resources.

The Program addresses the following items:

I. Impact of Divorce on Parents and Children: tasks adults face; tasks children face; common reactions of children of different ages; and do's and don'ts of parenting.

II. Handling the Feelings: Identifying feelings; Anger in divorce: toward your co-parent, from your children, toward your children; Feeling and healing.

III. Video segments and Discussion: Explaining divorce, warning parents, visitation problems, new relationships, etc.

IV. Mediation: Explanation of mediation process and its applicability to divorce and custody matters.

When

The Program is offered every month on one Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or every month on one Tuesday evening from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

Where

The Program will be presented in Hearing Room A, lower level of the Monroe County Courthouse, 7th & Monroe Streets, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, unless otherwise directed by security. A security officer will direct you on where to go.

Attendance

Attendance at the Program is **required** of parties to a case where the interests of children under the age of eighteen years are involved. Additional interested persons may attend the seminar upon prior approval of Family/Divorce Services and certain fees may apply.

Presenters

Qualified counselors, educators and trainers selected by Family/Divorce Services will present the Program pursuant to arrangements with the Court of Common Pleas of Monroe County.

Notification

A copy of the Order requiring the parties to attend the Program and Registration Form will be provided to the parties at the time of the filing of the action or service of the applicable pleading.

Fees

A fee of \$40.00 per party for the Program is required and will be used to cover all program costs including the presenter's fee, handouts and administration. The fee must be submitted with the registration form.

Registration

The registration form must be received by Family/Divorce Services at least seven (7) days prior to the Program date selected. Each party shall attend the Program without further notification by the Court. Any changes in scheduling must be arranged through Family/Divorce Services.

Verification of Attendance

Upon proof of identification at the Program, Family/Divorce Services will record the party as "present" and provide to the Prothonotary of Monroe County a Certificate of Completion, which shall be filed of record. Each person successfully completing the program will be given a Certificate of Attendance. Should you have a case in another County or State, you are responsible to provide that Court with a copy of your Certificate of Completion.

Americans with Disabilities

For information about accessible facilities and reasonable accommodations available to disabled individuals having business before the Court, please contact the Court Administrator's office at (570)-517-3009. All arrangements must be made at least (72) hours prior to the Co-Parent Program and you must attend the scheduled program.

Security

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office will provide armed, uniformed deputies at each Program immediately prior to, during and immediately after each presentation.

CO-PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM – 2012 Registration Form
READ ALL INFORMATION

The Program is held on the lower level of the Monroe County Courthouse, Stroudsburg, PA. The Sheriff's Department provides security. Register by MAIL ONLY. See form below.

Further questions should be directed to Family/Divorce Services at 610-366-8868.

The Program fee is \$40 per person for all persons ordered to attend. Guests are welcome, but require an additional \$15 fee. Sign them up on form below.

A videotape or DVD to view and return is available ONLY to parties who reside more than 90 minutes driving time from Stroudsburg. See below.

Please register at least a week before you plan to attend. Confirmations are NOT sent by mail or by phone. Send in your form and come to the courthouse on the date you choose.

Children shall not be brought to the courthouse. Be prompt. Latecomers will not be admitted and will have to re-schedule.

In case of a snowstorm, a message will play at 610-366-8868 if class is canceled. Also, listen to radio 93.5FM or 840AM or WYOU TV for notices of cancellation. If you are **disabled** and need special assistance to enter the courthouse, call ahead.

REGISTER BY MAIL: Choose your date, fill out the form below and send money order payable to: Family/Divorce Services, P.O. Box 318, Trexlertown, PA 18087.

DOCKET NUMBERS of your divorce and custody case **MUST** be filled in. Include numbers-letters-year of file: _____

Your name _____

Guest(name and relationship to child) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Pick a Saturday morning OR a Tuesday evening:

SATURDAYS 9:00 am-1:00 pm

TUESDAYS 5:30-9:30pm

__ January 7, 2012

__ January 10, 2012

__ February 4 __ March 3

__ February 7 __ March 6

__ April 10 __ May 5

__ April 14 __ May 8

__ June 2 __ July 7

__ June 5 __ July 10

__ August 4 __ September 8

__ August 7 __ September 11

__ October 13 __ November 17

__ October 16 __ November 13

__ December 1

__ December 4

__ Videotape or ___ DVD: \$75 fee (includes S&H and \$25 deposit. Deposit is refunded when tape is returned per instructions.)