

WHAT ARE... PARENTING EDUCATION PROGRAMS?

Parenting education programs are classes designed to educate adults about the many issues children face when their family situation changes. The programs train participants about how to help children adjust in a healthy way to divorce or living apart from a parent. The programs include information about children's developmental stages, helping children adjust to parent separation, cooperative parenting, conflict management and dispute resolution techniques, guidelines for visitation and parent access, and stress reduction for children.

If you have children under age eighteen, you must participate in a parenting education program within sixty (60) days after a family case is filed in court. All parties involved in divorce, dissolution of a civil union, annulment, separation, custody or visitation cases are required by law to participate in a parenting education program. Both judges and family support magistrates have the authority to order your participation in the program.

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

Participation in a parenting education program costs \$125 per person. You must pay the program provider directly. The fee is not paid to the court. If you cannot afford the fee, complete an Application for Waiver of Fees form (JD-FM-75) and file it with the clerk. If you are in court when you are ordered to attend a program, and you are unable to afford the fee, you may request that the fee be waived at that time.

HOW LONG IS THE PROGRAM?

Parenting education programs are six hours. The program may be offered in a variety of schedules. Check with the program provider about the schedule.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

- Complete Section III of the Parenting Education Program - Order, Certificate and Results form (JD-FM-149). The forms are available at all Judicial District Clerks' Offices, Court Service Centers and on the Judicial Branch website.

— You may attend any approved parenting education program in the state.

- Contact the program provider most convenient for you to get information about registration, fee arrangements, class dates, times and locations.
- Contact the program provider to register for a class. The court will not register you.
- Be sure to tell the program provider if you must complete the class by a certain date.
- Bring the Parenting Education Program Order, Certificate and Results form (JD-FM-149) with you to the first class.
- Upon satisfactory completion of the program, the program provider will send you and the court a certificate of completion.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

In order to participate in a parenting education program you must make the arrangements yourself. Following is a list of programs approved by the court. You must call the program provider directly to obtain specific information concerning class registration. **Be sure to tell them if you have been ordered to complete the program by a certain date.** Remember to bring the parenting education certification form with you to the first class.

IMPORTANT

If you are afraid of any of the parties involved in your case, or afraid you may be in danger if you attend class with them, ask for separate classes when you register. Or, you may register with a different program. Remember, you may attend any approved program in the state.

ANSONIA/MILFORD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CT Council of Family Service Agencies

(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call **203-874-6270**):

- A. **Catholic Charities**
203 High Street
Milford, CT 06460
- B. **Catholic Charities**
205 Wakelee Avenue
Ansonia, CT 06401

DANBURY JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CT Council of Family Service Agencies

(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call **203-743-4412**):

- A. **Catholic Family Services**
30 Main Street, Suite 503
Danbury, CT 06810-3004
- B. **Newtown Youth & Family Services**

121 Mount Pleasant Road
Newtown, CT 06470

FAIRFIELD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (BRIDGEPORT)

CT Council of Family Service Agencies

(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call **203-398-5602**):

- A. **Catholic Charities of Fairfield County/
Catholic Family Services**
238 Jewett Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606
- B. **FSW**
475 Clinton Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605

HARTFORD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CT Council of Family Service Agencies (to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call **860-527-1124 ext. 218**):

- A. **Catholic Charities / Institute for the Hispanic Family**
896 Asylum Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105
- B. **Village for Families and Children**
1680 Albany Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105
- C. **Jewish Family Service of Greater Hartford**
333 Bloomfield Avenue, Suite A
West Hartford, CT 06117

LITCHFIELD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CT Council of Family Service Agencies

(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies call):

- A. **Catholic Charities** **860-482-5558**
132 Grove Street
Torrington, CT 06790
- B. **Northwest Center for Family Services and Mental Health**
100 Commercial Blvd. 860-482-8561
Torrington, CT 06790
- C. **CMHA/Park Lane Behavioral Health**
120 Park Lane Road 860-354-4135
New Milford, CT
(860) 223-2778

STAMFORD/NORWALK JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CT Council of Family Service Agencies

(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call **203-324-3167**):

- A. **Family Centers, Inc.**
40 Arch Street
Greenwich, CT 06836-7500
- B. **Family Centers, Inc.**
60 Palmer's Hill Road
Stamford, CT 06902

C. **Catholic Charities of Fairfield County**

1 Park Street
Norwalk, CT 06851
D. Family and Children's Agency
9 Mott Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06850
E. Jewish Family Service
733 Summer Street
Stamford, CT 06901

TOLLAND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (ROCKVILLE)

CT Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at this agency, call **1-866-883-1624**):

Catholic Charities, Inc.
25 St. Bernard's Terrace
Rockville, CT 06066

MIDDLESEX JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CT Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at this agency, call **1-866-883-1624**):

Catholic Charities, Inc.
553 Portland Cobalt Road
Portland, CT 06480

NEW BRITAIN JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CT Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call:)

- A. Catholic Charities** **860-225-3561**
90 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051
B. CMHA/Family Service of Central Connecticut
55 Winthrop Street **860-224-8192**
New Britain, CT 06052

NEW HAVEN JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CT Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call **203-389-5599**):

- A. Catholic Charities**
St. George Roman Catholic Church
33 Whitfield Street
Guilford, CT 06437
B. Catholic Charities
61 Colony Street
Meriden, CT 06451
C. Catholic Charities
501 Lombard Street
New Haven, CT 06511
D. Jewish Family Service of New Haven
1440 Whalley Avenue
New Haven, CT 06515

NORWICH/NEW LONDON JUDICIAL DISTRICT

1. CT Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call 860-892-7042 ext. 722):

- A. Catholic Charities, Inc.** **866-883-1624**
331 Elm Street
Norwich, CT 06360
B. United Community & Family Services
400 Bayonet St., Suite 103
New London, CT 06320
C. United Community & Family Services
47 Town Street
Norwich, CT 06360-2326
D. United Community & Family Services
8 Linwood Ave.
Colchester, CT 06415
E. United Community & Family Services
1595 Hartford Turnpike
Oakdale, CT 06353

WATERBURY JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CT Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call):

- A. Catholic Charities** **203-482-5558**
13 Wolcott Street
Waterbury, CT 06702
B. Family Services of Greater Waterbury, Inc.
34 Murray Street **203-756-8317**
Waterbury, CT 06710

WINDHAM JUDICIAL DISTRICT (PUTNAM/WILLIMANTIC)

CT Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of these agencies., call:

- A. Catholic Charities, Inc.** **866-883-1624**
220 Valley Street
Willimantic, CT 06226
B. United Services, Inc. **860-774-2020***
233 Route 6, P.O. Box 200 **860-228-4480**
Columbia, CT 06237-0200
C. United Services, Inc. **860-774-2020***
303 Putnam Road, P.O. Box 378 **860-564-6100**
Wauregan, CT 06387-0378
*Intake Dept

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