

BENTON AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES SUPERIOR COURT
MANDATORY PARENTING SEMINARS
LOCAL DOMESTIC RULE 1(F) (SEE REVERSE)

If your case is subject to the provisions of **Local Domestic Rule 1(F)** then you must attend a mandatory parenting seminar prior to the entry of a permanent parenting or residential plan. The seminar is a four-hour class designed to inform you about the impact of divorce on your children, what type of reaction you may expect them to have based upon their age, and how you can help your child(ren) through your divorce. **We encourage you to please attend as soon as possible, to minimize the damage to your children.**

The following agencies have been approved by the Superior Court to provide mandatory parenting seminars:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Email/Webpage</u>
Catholic Charities *Classes offered in both English and Spanish	509-946-4645	http://catholiccharitiescw.org/
First Step Community Counseling Services	509-735-6900	www.firststepccs.com
Health Discoveries Consulting	509-967-2129	healthdiscoveriesconsulting.com
Safe Harbor Support Center	509-783-5734	www.safeharborsupportcenter.org
<u>Online Seminars</u>		www.Divorce-Education.com www.OnlineParentingPrograms.com
◆ You and your spouse (or the opposite party) will be required to attend separate seminars. ◆ You must pre-register and pre-pay for the parenting seminars. ◆ You will be required to show proof of your income to register: either a recent pay stub or income tax form. ◆ You will be required to show proof of your identity when you arrive at the seminars: a driver's license, State ID card, or military ID. ◆ You will be required to attend the full four hours of the seminar. The agency will send proof of your attendance to the Court.		

ALL AGENCIES CHARGE THE SAME FEE, BASED ON YOUR INCOME, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Gross Monthly Income</u>	<u>Class Fee – **Waivable if Indigent**</u>
\$0 to \$416	\$25.00
\$417 to \$624	\$35.00
\$625 to \$832	\$50.00
\$833 to \$1,249	\$65.00
\$1,250 to \$1,499	\$75.00
\$1,500 to \$1,999	\$85.00
\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$100.00
\$3,000 or more	\$115.00

****Persons who are indigent may request a waiver of the parenting seminar fee by submitting a motion, declaration and order to waive the parenting seminar fee. The Court will review those motions pursuant to the applicable rules including GR 34, Local Court Rules, and the 2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines.**

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LOCAL DOMESTIC RULE 1(F)

- MANDATORY PARENTING SEMINARS

- F. **Mandatory Parenting Seminars.** In all new cases involving children, all parties shall complete a parenting seminar conducted by a Court-approved provider. A list of approved providers may be found on the Court's Website. Parties are not required to attend a seminar together.
1. *Timing.* Parties shall complete an approved parenting seminar prior to entry of a permanent parenting or residential plan and file a copy of the certificate of completion of the course with the Clerk and serve the same on the other party. The Court may waive a party's attendance at such seminar or extend the time required for good cause. Parents are encouraged to complete the parenting seminar as soon as possible following filing of an action which involved children. The Court will not enter final orders regarding children if both parents have not completed the mandatory parenting seminar except for good cause.
 2. *Cost.* Each party attending a seminar shall pay a fee charged by the approved provider, which may be waived for indigent parties.
 3. *Failure to Comply.* Willful refusal to timely participate in a parenting seminar may constitute contempt and subject the contemnor to terms including but not limited to: imposition of monetary terms, striking of pleadings, limiting non-complying parent's visitation, or denial of affirmative relief to a party not in compliance with this Rule.