

What Is Parent Education?

Parents play an important role in helping children deal with a separation or divorce. Parent education classes can help you understand how your child might be feeling during this time. You will be given ideas for helping to make things easier for you and your child(ren).

How Do I Get in Touch With a Parent Education Program?

A *List of Certified Parent Education Programs (List)* with contact information should be given to you with this brochure.

You may also get the *List* from the local Court Clerk's Office or on the New York State Parent Education and Awareness Program (Program) website at www.nycourts.gov/ip/parent-ed (click on the Provider List link) or by mailing or calling the Program office as noted on the back of this brochure. You may attend any of the programs on the *List*.

Can a Judge Order Me to Attend Parent Education?

You can be ordered to attend parent education if you are the parent of a child under the age of eighteen and you are involved in a custody, visitation, divorce, separation, annulment or child support court action or proceeding.

You cannot be ordered to attend parent education, however, if there is a history, specific allegations or pleadings of domestic violence.

What if I Am a Victim of Domestic Violence and Have Safety Concerns?

If you are the victim of domestic violence and you are concerned about your safety in traveling to or attending parent education, you can "opt out" of attending parent education by contacting the administrator of a certified parent education program.

The names and contact information for the administrator(s) of the certified parent education programs

in your area should be given to you on a *List of Certified Parent Education Programs* with this brochure. You can also obtain the *List* for all of New York State from the local Court Clerk's Office or from the source listed on the back of this brochure.

Can I Attend Parent Education Even if I Am Not Ordered by the Court?

Yes, you can attend any certified parent education program. You may find, however, that some programs only accept parents who are involved in Family Court proceedings and others only accept parents involved in a Supreme Court action.

You should contact the administrator of the certified parent education program that you want to attend to find out its enrollment policy. Help locating a certified parent education program is also available through the Parent Education and Awareness Program office, which may be contacted at the address or phone number given on the back of this brochure.

When and Where Are Parent Education Classes Held and Is There Security at the Site?

Parent education programs that are certified by the Parent Education and Awareness Program will have a safety plan or security for the class. Contact the parent education program that you want to attend for more information about its safety measures as well as when and where the class meets.

What Is the Cost to Attend Parent Education?

The cost depends on the parent education program that you attend. Each program sets its fee. The fee cannot be more than \$100.00 per person. Depending on your income, you may qualify for a scholarship to attend with no fee or a reduced fee. Contact the parent education program that you wish to attend for its fee and scholarship information.

Who Do I Contact with Questions About Parent Education?

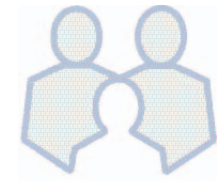
You may contact the Parent Education and Awareness Program at:

Parent Education and Awareness Program

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