

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO

NOTICE

(Must be filed with all pleadings.)

You as the parent of minor children, who has filed or are about to file a divorce, dissolution or for a change in allocation of parental rights and responsibilities, are required by Local Rule 25.3 of the Crawford County Common Pleas Court to attend two Parent's Transitions Education Sessions.

Your minor children between the ages of four and thirteen, inclusive, are required to attend two Transitions Children's Workshop sessions. These sessions are designed to assist you as parents in resolving issues that may arise in your relationship with your former spouse and your children and to assist you and your children in coping with the changes in your family traditions.

These sessions will be held the **third and fourth Tuesday of each month** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Community Counseling Services, Inc., 2458 Stetzer Rd., Bucyrus, Ohio. **Monday classes will be held every third month**, starting in January, at the same location the third and fourth Monday of the month from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Each party to the action will have fourteen (14) days to contact **Evelyn Gubernath**, Receptionist, or **Kathy Kennedy**, Domestic Relations Assignment Commissioner, at 419-562-5771 to schedule the sessions.

If you have not called within the fourteen (14) days, an entry affecting parenting rights, including residential parent status or parenting time, may be filed in your case.

The parent designated as the temporary residential parent in a divorce or dissolution, or each parent in a shared parenting situation must enroll the eligible children in the Transitions Children's Workshop. **Please bring only enrolled children to the class as Community Counseling does not have the childcare services available.**

The entire cost for the Parent's Transitions Sessions is \$30.00 per parent (for both sessions together). There is no additional cost for the Children's Workshop. The Children's Workshop will be held at the same time as the Parent's Transitions Sessions. The \$30.00 fee is to be paid at least three business days prior to the date of the first session at the Community Counseling Services Office. Community Counseling Services, Inc. will issue a certificate of attendance to you at the completion of the second session. At that time a copy of your certificate will also be filed with the Clerk of Courts. Until the certificate of attendance is filed with the Clerk of Courts, no action will be taken by the Court.

Amended Local Rule 25.3

ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES PARENTING SESSIONS, CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS, ATTENDANCE REQUIRED

All parents involved in new cases, pending cases, and post-decree motions filed in Crawford County Common Pleas Court, which involve the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities of minor children shall be required to attend parenting sessions. Their minor children between the ages of four and thirteen, inclusive, shall be required to attend children's workshops.

25.3 (A)

After the filing of a complaint for divorce or a petition for dissolution of marriage in which minor children are involved, and before said action will be set for hearing, any party seeking allocation of parental rights and responsibilities, parenting time, and both parties seeking dissolution shall attend two (2) 1.5 hour sessions on parenting sponsored by the Court of Common Pleas of Crawford County, Ohio, Domestic Relations in cooperation with the Community Counseling Services, Inc. Each child of said parties shall be required to attend two (2) 1.5 hour sessions of a children's workshop.

25.3 (B)

Before any motion for reallocation of parental rights and responsibilities will be set for hearing, the party who is seeking the change shall attend the above referenced parenting sessions if they have not done so in the past two years.

25.3 (C)

A certificate of attendance shall be issued to each participant and a copy of the same filed and docketed in each domestic relations case in which attendance is required. Until the certificate of attendance is issued and filed with the Clerk of Court, the Court will take no action.

25.3 (D)

The fee for attendance at said parenting sessions shall be Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per person, which shall be paid prior to the date of the first session.

25.3 (E)

In the event that parties having previously attended such parenting sessions find it necessary to file a post-decree motion, said motion shall be set for hearing providing attendance at the parenting sessions has been completed within two years prior to the filing of said motion. Prior to setting said motion for hearing, the Assignment Commissioner shall verify attendance by checking the prior docket entries to ascertain whether a certificate of attendance is on file and if, in fact, it was within the two-year requirement. If more than two years have elapsed, it will be necessary that both parties attend the parenting sessions prior to the case being set for hearing.

25.3 (F)

In each case in which parents are required to attend parenting sessions, the parent designated as the temporary residential parent in a divorce or dissolution, or each parent in a shared parenting situation, shall enroll children between the ages of four and thirteen, inclusive, in the appropriate children's workshop (Ages 4-8 or 9-13) at the time they register for parenting sessions. There is no cost for these workshops.

25.3 (G)

The Court may waive the above attendance requirements upon proper verification that attendance would not address the actual problem.

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