

## Helping Children Through Divorce”\*



[Local Rule 34](#) requires parties with minor children to attend the parenting education seminar sponsored by the Court. This is a one-time, two-and-a-half hour seminar that educates parents about their role as parental figures, how divorce affects and can harm children, and how to parent during and after the divorce. Both parents are required to attend. The seminar is offered at Eastside, Westside, and Downtown locations. The cost to attend the class and for “Children and Divorce: A Guide for Parents” is \$45.00 payable by cash or money order. The seminar must be completed within 30 days of filing the Complaint for Divorce or the Petition for Dissolution. Attendees will receive a certificate upon completing the seminar. A parent who lives outside Cuyahoga County may fulfill this requirement by attending a similar seminar. Please contact the Court before you attend a similar seminar to see if the other program meets the required Court standard.

Failure to timely attend this seminar may delay the case. The Court will not enter a final order granting shared parenting or allocate the primary rights and responsibilities to any parent who has not attended the seminar. The Court will also not modify or enforce parenting rights on behalf of a parent who has not attended the seminar.

To register for the seminar, call the [Education Network of Divorcing Families](#) at (216) 671-1919 between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Pre-registration is required. Children must not be brought to the seminar. It is preferred that parents not attend the seminar the same day.

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