

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

By rule of the Probate and Family Court, all parties filing for divorce after July 1, 1995, are required to attend a parental education course regularly offered at numerous locations throughout the Commonwealth. We will provide you with information describing the course, its nature and purpose, and the location of various program sites. *It is your responsibility to contact one of the approved programs after the filing of your complaint for divorce.* Failure to attend prevents your case from being scheduled for a pre-trial hearing or a trial. Your case may be scheduled for a pre-trial conference or hearing if you are enrolled but have not yet attended the program. Once you have enrolled, you should fill out the attached form and return it to the office so that it can be filed with the court when needed. Upon completion of the course, you will receive a Certificate of Attendance, a copy of which should be provided to this office.

If your spouse fails to attend the course, appropriate action is authorized by the Court. You will not be penalized on account of the failure of your spouse to attend the program.

A waiver of attendance is authorized in some limited circumstances. (The applicability or inapplicability of the waiver will be discussed with you during the initial office conference.) If you have additional questions after reviewing the pamphlet or after contact with the program, you should contact this office.

APPROVED PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM PROVIDERS

*All programs are 2 sessions of 2 ½ hours each unless noted otherwise

**Program also offered in Spanish

**On-line parent education programs are NOT accepted in Massachusetts
September, 2008**

ACTON

Changing Families, Changing Times
Boundaries Therapy Center
518 Great Road
Contact: Helen Frey
(978) 263-4878
Website: www.divorcecenter.org

AGAWAM

Parents, Children & Divorce
Behavioral Health Network
Agawam Counseling Center
30 Southwick Street
Feeding Hills
Contact: Coordinator
(413) 786-6410

ATTLEBORO

***Family Service Association
of Greater Fall River, Inc.**
Arbour Fuller Hospital, 200 May Street
Contact: Family Service Department
(508) 678-7542
Website: www.divorcingparents.com
[2 sessions of 3 hours each]

BEVERLY

****Parent Education
and Custody Effectiveness - PEACE**
North Shore Counseling Center
23 Broadway
Contact: Linda Migdole
(978) 922-2280
Spanish language program (978) 922-3605
Website: www.nscpsyc.com

BILLERICA

*Divorce and Its Impact
on Children's Development*
Perspectives
First Parish Church
7 Concord Road
Contact: Madeline Segal
(978) 745-7808

BOSTON

Parents Apart
Family Healthy Choices
Massachusetts General Hospital
15 Parkman Street
Contact: Steven Nisenbaum
(978) 887-6342

BRAINTREE

Parents Apart
Divorce Center, Inc.
Braintree Health South Hospital
250 Pond Street
Contact: David Seaquist
(888) 434-8787
Website: www.divorcenter.org

BROCKTON

***Set A Good Example (SAGE)**
**Mass. Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC)**
231 Main Street
Contact: James Kenney
(800) 339-2204
[2 sessions; First 2 hours, Second 3 hours]

Parents Apart

Mass Bay Counseling
Massasoit Community College
1 Massasoit Avenue
Contact: Danielle Latteo
(617) 786-3027

BROOKLINE

For the Sake of the Children
Center for Families in Transition
Brookline PDHQ, 350 Washington St.
Contact: Robin Zucker or Stuart Andrews
(978)468-7245
parentclass@yahoo.com

BROOKLINE

*Parenting Through Divorce:
Supporting the Child*

**Boston Graduate School
of Psychoanalysis**

1581 Beacon Street

Contact: Maureen K. Ryan

(617) 277-3915

Website: www.bgsp.edu

CAMBRIDGE

For the Sake of the Children

Center for Families in Transition

Cambridge College, 1000 Mass Ave.

Contact: Robin Zucker

(978) 468-7245

parentclass@yahoo.com

CHELMSFORD

Moving Forward

Life Transitions Inc.

10 Billerica Road

Contact: Robert DiMeo

(978) 649-6255

Website: www.lifetransitionsinc.net

CHICOPEE

Parents Apart

Elm's College

291 Springfield Street

Contact: Judith Haggerty

(413) 528-3508

DANVERS

Parents Apart, Family Healthy Choices

Contact: Steven Nisenbaum

(978) 887-6342

DEDHAM

Parents Apart, Child & Family

Psychological Services, Inc.

Dedham Community House

671 High Street

Contact: Coordinator

(781) 551-0999

www.cfpsych.org

Focusing on Our Children

Divorce Education Services

671 High Street

Contact: Ann Steele

(781) 237-5064

FALL RIVER

***Family Service Association
of Greater Fall River, Inc.**

151 Rock Street

Contact: Family Service Department

(508) 678-7542

Website: www.divorcingparents.com

[2 Sessions of 3 hours each]

FALL RIVER

***Set A Good Example (SAGE)**

**Mass. Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Children**

46 North Main Street

Contact: James Kenney

(800) 339-2204

[2 sessions; First 2 hours, Second 3 hours]

FITCHBURG

****Reducing the Effects of Divorce**

Children's Aid & Family Service

United Way of Central Massachusetts

915 South Street

Contact: Family Counseling Center

(978) 345-4147

FRAMINGHAM

Consider the Children

Divorce Education, Inc.,

Mass Bay Community College

19 Flagg Drive

Contact: Diane Ferkler or Samuel Chiancola

(508) 435-4745

GARDNER

Reducing the Effects of Divorce

Children's Aid & Family Service

Colonial Bed, Breakfast & Conference Ctr.

625 Betty Spring Road

Contact: Family Counseling Center

(978) 345-4147

GREAT BARRINGTON***Parents Apart***

Great Barrington Police Station
Main Street
Contact: Judith Haggerty
(413) 528-3508

GREENFIELD***Families in Transition (FIT)*****Franklin County Bar Association**

Franklin Medical Center
Contact: Mimi Gordon
(413) 773-9839

GROTON***Reducing the Effects of Divorce*****Children's Aid & Family Service**

First Parish Unitarian Church, Rt. 119
(978) 345-4147

HANOVER***Parents Apart*****Marvista Psychological Associates, PC**

South Shore Vocational High School
Contact: Selma Ingber or Charles Mundhenk
(781) 383-0860
Website: www.divorcenter.org

HAVERHILL***Positive Co-Parenting in Difficult Times***

Psychotherapy Associates of North Reading
Northern Essex Community College
Contact: Dr. Donna Whipple
(978) 664-2566 ext. 5
Website: www.panr.net

HYANNIS

*Set A Good Example (SAGE), MSPCC,
206 Breeds Hill Road
(508) 775-0275
Contact: Laura Rittel
[2 sessions; First 2 hours, Second 3 hours]

LAWRENCE*****Divorce and Its Impact
on Children's Development
Perspectives***

Northern Essex Community College
45 Franklin Street
Contact: Madeline Segal
(978) 745-7808

LEXINGTON***Parents Apart*****Charis Institute, Inc.**

3 Militia Drive
Contact: Daniel Verrengia
(781) 863-0350 x503

LITTLETON***Moving Forward*****Life Transitions, Inc.**

461 King Street
Contact: Robert DiMeo
(978) 649-6255
Website: www.lifetransitionsinc.net

LOWELL***Divorce & Its Impact
on Children's Development
Perspectives***

Pawtucket Congregational Church
15 Mammoth Road
Contact: Madeline Segal
(978) 745-7808

LYNN***Divorce and Its Impact
on Children's Development
Perspectives***

Atlantic Care Medical Center
500 Lynnfield Street
Contact: Madeline Segal
(978) 745-7808

***Understanding the Effect
of Divorce on Children
Family & Children's Service
of Greater Lynn, Inc.***

111 North Common Street
Contact: Linda Demerjian
(781) 598-5517

MARLBOROUGH***Consider the Children*
Divorce Education, Inc.**

Relationship Institute
431 Bolton Street
Contact: Diane Ferkler or Samuel Chiancola
(508) 435-4745

MARSHFIELD

Parents Apart
Mass Bay Counseling
Marshfield High School
89 Forest Street
Contact: Danielle Latteo
(617) 786-3027

MEDFORD

Positive Co-Parenting in Difficult Times
**Psychotherapy Associates
of North Reading**
Medford High School
489 Winthrop Street
Contact: Dr. Donna Whipple
(978) 664-2566 ext. 5
Website: www.panr.net

MELROSE

***Divorce and Its Impact
on Children's Development***
Perspectives
Melrose Highlands
Congregational Church
355 Franklin Street
Contact: Madeline Segal
(978) 745-7808

MILFORD

Consider the Children
Divorce Education, Inc.
Milford High School
31 West Fountain Street
Contact Diane Ferkler or Samuel Chiancola
(508) 435-4745 or (508) 473-4674

NEW BEDFORD

***Family Service Association
of Greater Fall River, Inc.**
Fisher College
777 Church Street
Contact: Sue Rogue
(508) 678-7542
Website: www.divorcingparents.com
[2 sessions of 3 hours each]

***Set A Good Example (SAGE)**
**Mass. Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Children (MSPCC)**
558 Pleasant Street
Contact: James Kenney
(800) 339-2204
[2 sessions; First 2 hours, Second 3 hours]

NEWBURYPORT

Parents Apart
Family Healthy Choices
Nock Middle School
(978) 887-6342
Contact: Steven Nisenbaum

NORTH ANDOVER

Putting Children First
Family Service, Inc.
Merrimack College
Contact: Intake Worker
(978) 683-9505

NORTH DIGHTON

**Family Service Association
of Greater Fall River, Inc.**
St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Spring Street
Contact: Sue Rogue
(508) 678-7542
Website: www.divorcingparents.com

NORTH READING

Positive Co-Parenting in Difficult Times
Psychotherapy Assoc. of North Reading
324 Main Street, (Rt. 28) and
Barberry Road
Contact: Dr. Donna Whipple
(978) 664-2566
Website: www.panr.net

NORTHAMPTON***Parents and Children in Transition*****(PACT)****Hampshire County Bar Association**

Hall of Records Community Room

33 King Street

Contact: Intake Worker

(413) 586-4597

NORWOOD***Focusing on Our Children*****Divorce Education Services**

Norwood Hospital

800 Washington Street

Contact: Ann Steele

(781) 237-5064

Parents Apart**Child & Family Psychological Services**

Norwood Junior High School

Contact: Coordinator

(781) 551-0999

Website: www.cfpsych.org**PITTSFIELD*****Families in Transition*****Family Center of the Berkshires**

Berkshire Medical Center

741 North Street and

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services
of the Berkshires

333 East Street

Contact: Patrick Fleming

(413) 447-2142

PLYMOUTH***Parents Apart*****Marvista Psychological Associates, PC**

Plymouth North High School

41 Obery Street

Contact: Selma Ingber or Charles Mundhenk

(781) 383-0860

QUINCY***Parents Apart*****Mass Bay Counseling**

North Quincy High School

315 Hancock Street

Contact: Danielle Latteo

(617) 786-3027

SALEM***Divorce & Its Impact******on Children's Development*****Perspectives**

13 Hawthorne Blvd.

Contact: Madeline Segal

(978) 745-7808

SANDWICH***For the Sake of the Children*****Center for Families in Transition**

Contact: Robin Zucker

(978) 468-7245; parentclass@yahoo.com**SOUTHBRIDGE*****Parents Apart*****George B. Wells Human Service Center**

Harrington Memorial Hospital

29 Pine Street

Contact: Martha Miller

(508) 765-9167

SPRINGFIELD***Parents, Children and Divorce Program*****Behavioral Health Network**

Child Guidance Clinic

110 Maple Street

Contact: Coordinator

(413) 732-7419

Parents & Children in Divorce**Child & Family Service****of Pioneer Valley, Inc.**

Baystate Medical Center

759 Chestnut Street

Contact: Coordinator

(413) 737-4718

Website: www.cfs.org

TAUNTON***Family Service Association of Greater Fall River, Inc.**

Memorial United Methodist Church
176 Somerset Avenue
Contact: Family Service Department
(508) 678-7542
Website: www.divorcingparents.com
[2 sessions of 3 hours each]

WAKEFIELD

Partners for Positive Co-Parenting
Riverside Community Care
338 Main Street, Suite 304
Contact: Coordinator
(781)246-2010

WALTHAM

Parents Apart
Divorce Center, Inc.
West Suburban Chamber of Commerce
84 South Street
Contact: David Seaquist
(888) 434-8787
Website: www.divorcenter.org

WARE

Parents and Children in Divorce
**Child & Family Services
of Pioneer Valley**
Mary Lane Hospital
85 South Street
Contact: Coordinator
(800) 232-0510
Website: www.cfs.org

WAREHAM

*Parents Helping Children
Through Divorce*
Psychology Associates
Wareham High School
Contact: Debbie Bell
(508) 747-2718

WATERTOWN

Families Divided
Divorcestep
80 Mount Auburn Street
Contact: Coordinator
(508) 358-7688
Website: www.divorcestep.com

WEST BARNSTABLE

Parents Apart
Mass Bay Counseling
2240 Iyanough Road
Contact: Danielle Latteo
(617) 786-3027

WEST SPRINGFIELD

Parents Apart
Parents in Cooperation
**Brightside Center for
Families and Children**
2112 Riverdale Road
Contact: Barry Krimsky
(413) 735-1719

Parents & Children in Divorce
Child & Family Service of Pioneer Valley
425 Union Street – Level D
Contact: Coordinator
(413) 737-4718
Website: www.cfs.org

WEST TISBURY

Parents Apart of Martha's Vineyard
Martha's Vineyard Community Services
First Congregational Church
Contact: Coordinator
(508) 693-7900

WESTBOROUGH

Divorce that Works for Children
Active Counseling Associates
43 Hopkinton Road
Contact: Sylvia Sirignano, Glenn Smith
(508) 366-7557

WORCESTER

Parents Apart

University of Mass. Medical Center
55 Lake Avenue North
Contact: Nancy Perkins
(508) 856-8600

****Children Cope with Divorce***

Jewish Family Service of Worcester
646 Salisbury Street
Contact: Zelda Schwartz
(508) 755-3101
Website: www.jfsworcester.org
[2 sessions of 3 hours each]

Parents Apart

Family Services of Central Massachusetts
31 Harvard Street
Contact: Intake Department
(508) 756-4646
Website: www.fscm.org

Consider the Children

Divorce Education, Inc.
6 Melville Street
(508) 435-4745
Contact: Diane Ferkler or Samuel Chiancola