

Memorandum

To: Domestic Relations Court Parties

From: Barbara Schneider Carter, Administrative Judge

Date: March 12, 2020

Re: Requirement to Attend Mandatory Parent Education Class SUSPENDED

Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code and Butler County Local Rule DR 5, both plaintiff and defendant are required to attend the Mandatory Parent Education Class. Due to the current public health crisis, parties may seek alternate online parent education classes until further notice. Effective March 13, 2020, no face-to-face classes will be available via Forensic Evaluation Services Center (513-869-4014) until the Domestic Relations Division states otherwise.

Parties may register online for a class of their choosing within **fifteen (15)** days of the filing of the complaint or petition with the Clerk of Courts. Each party to a divorce action and each party to a dissolution of marriage filing must complete a program within **forty-five (45)** days from the date of filing. **All certificates of completion must be submitted to the Court via fax - 513-785-5337 or may be emailed to drcourtwebresponse@butlercountvohio.org.**

The educational requirements MUST be completed prior to the final hearing. The Court may refuse to hold a final hearing if either parent fails to complete a class. The Court may also deny parenting time or residential parent status to a parent who does not attend.

If you have any questions, please contact the Case Management office of the court, at 513-887-3100 option 2. Thank you for your attention to this matter.