

MANDATORY

TRANSPARENTING CLASS

TRANSPARENTING is a two session educational program designed to teach effective parenting during the transitions of divorce or parental separation. It impresses upon parents the critical role they play in their child's ability to adjust to changes surrounding divorce. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Beaver County Courthouse.

The seminar emphasizes each parent's responsibility to provide a nurturing, non-threatening environment for the child.

Topics include:

- Feelings associated with divorce
- Ways that children of different ages react during transition
- A parenting approach that will benefit your children
- Suggested ways for talking to children about divorce
- Other adjustments children will need to make

The course is taught by licensed professionals who have experience with children and who have been specially trained to teach this course. This is an educational program and not a counseling session. Parents will not be expected to discuss personal problems.

The current cost for the TransParenting Program is \$55.00. All custody litigants are expected to pay these program costs. If however, you believe that you are unable to pay for this program due to indigence, you must complete an Application to Waive fees for the TransParenting Seminar and bring the completed Application with you to your initial custody conference along with the following documents: pay stub, driver's license, access card, W-2's, or any proof of income. At the conference, a determination will be made by the custody officer on your application. If you are determined to be indigent, your program fees will be waived. If you are determined to be financially capable of paying the program fees, payment will be expected.

All Petitions for Modification of Custody Orders shall have attached thereto, unless excused by the Court for good cause shown, copies of the Petitioner's Certificate of Completion of the mandatory Educational Seminar as required in LR1915A, as well as proof of compliance with all counseling and other services mandated in the Order sought to be modified. If such proof and the Certificate of Completion are not attached, the Court may refuse to entertain the Petition.

Failure to comply can result in a delay in the conference or a continuance of the child custody conference.