

Dissolution & Custody Planning

Covering the Needs of Families



Purpose of the Course:

- » To explore the legal and judicial aspects of dissolution, the role of the attorney, the function of the court and the court ordered custody study.
- » To expose the participant to various alternatives available in settling custody disputes.
- » To better understand and cope with the emotional stresses that accompany dissolution and custody issues.
- » To empower the participant through education to become a more informed and active participant in the divorce process.

Who May Benefit from this Course?

- » All couples with minor children who are contemplating a divorce or separation.
- » Individuals who are likely to encounter disputes over the future care and disposition of children.
- » All people who are getting a divorce who have minor children will be required to take this course.
- » Course Waiver: Each person who attends a parent education program shall pay a fee to defray the cost of the program. A party who qualifies for waiver of filing fees under section 563.01 is exempt from paying the parent education program fee and the court shall waive the fee or direct its payment under section 563.01.

Location/Times:

Please call (507) 287-2010 for times and location.

Cost: \$75.00

If there is an order for protection or no contact in place, consult with your attorney before attending.

To register for one of the scheduled course dates, complete the registration form and return it with the fee to Family Service Rochester. Since class size is limited, early registration is encouraged.

Pre-registration and payment are required prior to beginning the course. Once this is completed, you will receive a letter confirming your registration with course information. If the course is cancelled or postponed, you will be contacted and the fee will be refunded, or it may be applied to the next scheduled course.

It is essential that you arrive to class on time to receive the entire class content. Participants arriving 15 minutes late, will be turned away. A letter will be available to participants at the end of the course outlining your attendance.

You **MUST** cancel 48 hours prior to the first class in order to receive a refund. No partial refunds will be given.

“ Helped me understand new ways to communicate with my ex-partner. ”

Course Outline

The following topics will be addressed:

- » The Psychological Impact: Information designed to help identify the psychological impact of dissolution upon families and children.
- » The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Process: An overview of time sharing, the custody study, and options for working out concerns are presented.
- » Legal Aspects: Legal aspects of dissolution, custody, visitation and child support are highlighted.
- » Post-Divorce Communication: A discussion about post-divorce parenting, remarriage, and the process of building healthy step-family relationships.

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“ Helped me better understand the divorce process & everything that goes along with that. ”

“ It has really broadened my knowledge on the topic discussed and given me a better view of what the future may be like. ”