

SEMINAR FOR DIVORCING PARENTS

- Who Must Attend?** All parties involved in Family Court litigation involving minor children (under age 18) must attend the Children Cope With Divorce Seminar. See the attached court order sample.
- Why?** The Seminar is required by Family Court in order to assure that the best interest of children are served. It is designed to reduce the trauma and problems faced by children of divorcing or separating parents.
- What Is It?** The Seminar is a 4-hour educational experience with emphasis on promoting the emotional health of children during periods of stress. Through the Seminar, parents will take the time to see divorce through the eyes of their children and also learn how to help their children through this difficult time in their lives.
- Where Is It?** The Seminar is provided through the Rubicon & Carolina Family Center organization, located at 510 East Carolina Avenue, Hartsville.
- How Do I Apply?** Participants must fill out the attached registration form and return it to Rubicon/Carolina Family Center along with a \$30 registration fee. Registration by mail should be sent to P.O. Box 2076, Hartsville, S.C., 29551. For more information, phone 332-4156.
- When Is It?** Seminars are frequently scheduled as a sufficient number of people register to attend. You will be notified by telephone of the Date and Time of the next scheduled seminar. For information phone 332-4156.

General Information

- Both Spouses Are Required To Attend. [Attorneys filing for a client should attach a copy of the court order and the application form when serving Pleadings.]
- If you do not wish to attend the same Seminar as your spouse, this should be indicated at the time of registration. [It is recommended that spouses attend separately.]
- Please do not bring children to the Seminar.
- Persons arriving late or leaving early may not be given credit for attendance.
- A certificate of attendance will be provided for presentation to Family Court.
- A "Parent Handbook" will be provided each person attending the Seminar.

Registration Form

Children Cope With Divorce Seminar

Name (same as on the petition): _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Court Case No. _____ Name of Attorney _____

Phone No. Home: _____ Work: _____ Ext. No. _____

Spouse's Name _____ Tel. # _____

Spouse's Address _____

No. children: (ages 0-5) _____ (ages 6-10) _____ (ages 10-15) _____ (15+) _____

TIME & LOCATION: You will be informed of location, date and time of the seminar when you register at Rubicon/Carolina Family Center, 510 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville.

Participants must attend the seminar selected at the time of registration; no further notification will be given unless there is a conflict. Rescheduling is allowed within 24 hours of the designated dates. If your spouse is present, rescheduling is allowed if you wish.

Participant's Statement:

I understand the fee for the seminar is \$30 per participant. (Make checks payable to Carolina Family Center.) I also understand that I will not get credit for the class if I arrive late or leave early.

Participant Signature: _____

Return to: (By mail or in person)

For More Information, Phone: 332-5696, 332-4156

Carolina Family Center

P.O. Box 2076

510 East Carolina Avenue, Hartsville, S.C. 29551

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
) IN THE FAMILY COURT
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON)
) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
IN RE:)
)
CHILDREN OF DIVORCING)
OR SEPARATING PARENTS,)

WHEREAS, THIS COURT HAS THE DUTY TO INSURE THAT IN CASES INVOLVING CHILDREN THAT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THESE CHILDREN ARE SERVED, AND

WHEREAS, THE LARGE MAJORITY OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS COME FROM SINGLE PARENT HOMES; AND

WHEREAS, AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR DIVORCING PARENTS WILL ASSIST IN REDUCING THE TRAUMA AND PROBLEMS FACED BY CHILDREN OF DIVORCING PARENTS; NOW; THEREFORE,

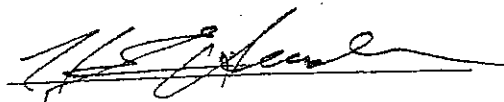
IT IS ORDERED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IN FAMILY COURT LITIGATION, WHO HAVE CHILDREN UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE, MUST COMPLETE THE "CHILDREN COPE WITH DIVORCE" PROGRAM (SEE EXHIBIT A) SPONSORED BY THE CAROLINA FAMILY CENTER, OR SOME OTHER SIMILAR PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE COURT. UPON PROPER MOTION AND SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT, A WAIVER OF THIS REQUIREMENT MAY BE GRANTED BY A PRESIDING FAMILY COURT JUDGE. ATTORNEYS SHALL NOTIFY THEIR CLIENTS OF THE REQUIREMENT AND THE CLERK OF COURT SHALL NOTIFY ALL PRO SE LITIGANTS. DOMESTIC ABUSE, DSS SUPPORT AND DSS PATERNITY CASES ARE EXCLUDED FROM THIS ORDER, BUT THE COURT MAY REQUIRE ATTENDANCE IN SUCH CASES ON A CASE BY CASE-BASIS.

NO FINAL HEARING IN A DIVORCE OR ACTION FOR SEPARATE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT INVOLVING PARENTS OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN SHALL BE SCHEDULED UNTIL THE REQUESTING PARTY FILES:

1. A CERTIFICATE OF WAITING LIST STATUS;
2. A CERTIFICATE OF ENROLLMENT;
3. A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION; OR

AN ORDER EXCUSING COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM.

THE CLERK OF COURT SHALL MAKE A COPY OF THIS ORDER AVAILABLE TO ALL LAWYERS PRACTICING IN FAMILY COURT, TOGETHER WITH THE APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION FORM.



ROGER HENDERSON
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
FAMILY COURT OF THE FOURTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DARLINGTON COUNTY
SOUTH CAROLINA

MARCH 25, 2004