

What are Parenting Education Programs?

Parenting education programs are classes designed to educate adults about the many issues children face when their family situation changes. The programs train participants about how to help children adjust in a healthy way to divorce or living apart from a parent. The programs include information about children's developmental stages, helping children adjust to parent separation, cooperative parenting, conflict management and dispute resolution techniques, guidelines for visitation and parent access, and stress reduction for children.

If you have children under age eighteen, you must participate in a parenting education program within sixty (60) days after a family case is filed in court. All parties involved in divorce, annulment, separation, custody or visitation cases are required by law to participate in a parenting education program. Both judges and family support magistrates have the authority to order your participation in the program.

How much does the program cost?

Participation in a parenting education program costs \$100 per person. You must pay the program provider directly. The fee is not paid to the court. If you cannot afford the fee, complete an Application for Waiver of Fees form (JD-FM-75) and file it with the clerk.

How long is the program?

Parenting education programs are six hours. The program may be offered in two three hour classes, or in three two hour classes. Check with the program provider about the schedule.

How do I register?

- Complete Section III of the Parenting Education Program - Order, Certificate and Results form (JD-FM-149). The forms are available at all Judicial District Clerks' Offices and the Court Service Center in New Britain Superior Court. Your lawyer or the program provider may also have the form.
- You may attend any approved parenting education program in the state. Approved programs are listed below.
- Contact the program provider most convenient for you to get information about registration, fee arrangements, class dates, times and locations.
- Contact the program provider to register for a class. The court will not register you.
- Be sure to tell the program provider if you must complete the class by a certain date.
- Bring the Parenting Education Program Order, Certificate and Results form (JD-FM-149) with you to the first class.
- Upon satisfactory completion of the program, the program provider will send you and the court a certificate of completion.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

In order to participate in a parenting education program you must make the arrangements yourself. Following is a list of the programs approved by the court. You can attend any program in the state. You must call the program provider directly to obtain specific information concerning dates, times, and locations of the classes as well as the registration procedures and fee arrangements. **Be sure to tell them if you have been ordered to complete the program by a certain date.** Remember to bring the parenting education certification form with you to the first class.

IMPORTANT

All parties may attend the same parenting education class, but you do not have to. Tell the program provider when you call to register if you want to be in a different class from any other party.

If you are afraid of any of the parties involved in your case, or afraid you may be in danger if you attend class with them, ask for separate classes when you register. Or, you may register with a different program. Remember, you may attend any approved program in the state.

PARENTING EDUCATION PROGRAMS APPROVED BY JUDICIAL BRANCH, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ANSONIA/MILFORD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

1. Griffin Hospital
Dept. of Psychiatry and Social Services
130 Division Street
Derby, CT 06418 203-732-7550
2. Catholic Family Services
203 High Street
Milford, CT 06460 203-874-6270

DANBURY JUDICIAL DISTRICT

1. Psychological Health Associates
72 North Street, Suite 208
Danbury, CT 06810 203-794-1044
2. New England Counseling & Mediation
898 Ethan Allen Highway, Suite 7
Ridgefield, CT 06877 203-431-4957
3. Catholic Family Services
30 Main Street #503
Danbury, CT 06810 203-743-4412

FAIRFIELD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (BRIDGEPORT)

Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies call 203-372-4301 ext. 351)

- A. Catholic Family Services
238 Jewett Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606
- B. Family Services - Woodfield
475 Clinton Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605

FAIRFIELD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (BRIDGEPORT) (Continued)

- C. Jewish Family Services
2370 Park Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604

HARTFORD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

1. Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies call 860-522-8241)
 - A. Catholic Family Services
467 Bloomfield Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002
 - B. Catholic Family Services of Greater Hartford
896 Asylum Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105
 - C. Village for Families and Children
1680 Albany Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105
2. Pathfinders Advocacy Group
17 South Highland Street
West Hartford, CT 06119 860-726-1099
or 860-561-8604
3. Community Child Guidance Clinic, Inc.
317 North Main Street
Manchester, CT 06040 860-643-2101
4. Windsor Parent Education Program
Yardley Associates, LLP
Courtyard by Marriott
1 Day Hill Road
Windsor, CT 06095 860-688-1240
5. Enfield Parent Education Program
Yardley Associates, LLP
Asnuntuck Community College
17 Elm Street
Enfield, CT 06082 860-688-1240

LITCHFIELD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

1. University of Connecticut
Torrington Extension System
1304 Winsted Road
Torrington, CT 06790 860-626-6240
2. Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call 860-482-8561)
 - A. Catholic Family Services
132 Grove Street
Torrington, CT 06790

LITCHFIELD JUDICIAL DISTRICT *(Continued)*

- B. Northwest Center for Family Service and Mental Health
564 Prospect Street
Torrington, CT 06790 and
315 Main Street
Lakeville, CT 06039

- 3. New Milford Hospital
Community Mental Health Services
18 Elm Street
New Milford, CT 06776 860-354-3762

MERIDEN JUDICIAL DISTRICT

- Catholic Family Services
61 Colony Street
Meriden, CT 06451 203-235-2507

MIDDLESEX JUDICIAL DISTRICT (MIDDLETOWN)

- Hiebel and Roeder Family and Child Associates
300 Plaza Middlesex
203 Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457 860-347-9911

NEW BRITAIN JUDICIAL DISTRICT

- 1. Wheeler Clinic
91 Northwest Drive
Plainville, CT 06062 860-793-3533

- 2. Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call 860-223-9291)
 - A. Catholic Family Services
90 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06052

 - B. Family Service of Central Connecticut
92 Vine Street
New Britain, CT 06052

NEW HAVEN JUDICIAL DISTRICT

- 1. Coordinating Council for Children in Crisis, Inc.
Clifford Beers Guidance Clinic
93 Edwards Street
New Haven, CT 06511 203-624-2600

- 2. Clinical Associates of Connecticut, P.C.
58-60 Boston Street
Guilford, CT 06437 203-458-0661

- 3. Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call 203-389-5599)

NEW HAVEN JUDICIAL DISTRICT *(Continued)*

- A. Catholic Family Services
478 Orange Street
New Haven, CT 06511

- B. Family Counseling of Greater New Haven
One Long Wharf Drive, Suite 126
New Haven, CT 06511

- C. Jewish Family Services of New Haven
1440 Whalley Avenue
New Haven, CT 06515

NORWICH/NEW LONDON JUDICIAL DISTRICT

- 1. University of Connecticut
Cooperative Extension System
562 New London Turnpike
Norwich, CT 06360 888-311-8842

- 2. Lymes' Youth Services Bureau
P.O. Box 589
59 Lyme Street
Old Lyme, CT 06371 860-434-7208

- 3. Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call 860-442-4319)
 - A. United Community and Family Services
153 Williams Street
New London, CT 06320

 - B. Child and Family
Agency of Southeastern Connecticut, Inc.
Smith-Bent Children's Center
7 Vauxhall Street
New London, CT 06320

 - C. Big Brothers Big Sisters of
Southeastern Connecticut
224 Eastern Point Road
Groton, CT 06340

STAMFORD/NORWALK JUDICIAL DISTRICT

- Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call 203-324-3167)
 - A. Family Centers, Inc.
40 Arch Street
Greenwich, CT 06836-7550
60 Palmers Hill Road
Stamford, CT 06902

 - B. Catholic Family Services
30 Myano Lane, Suite 12
Stamford, CT 06902

STAMFORD/NORWALK JUDICIAL DISTRICT

- C. Family and Children's Agency, Inc.
9 Mott Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06852

- D. Catholic Family Services
7 Chapel Street
P.O. Box 2025
Norwalk, CT 06852

TOLLAND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (ROCKVILLE)

- 1. Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc.
155 West Main Street
Vernon, CT 06066 860-872-9825

- 2. University of Connecticut
Human Development Center
843 Bolton Road, U-117
Storrs, CT 06269 888-311-8842

- 3. University of Connecticut
Cooperative Extension Center
24 Hyde Avenue
Vernon, CT 888-311-8842

WATERBURY JUDICIAL DISTRICT

- Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call 203-756-8317)
 - A. Catholic Family Services
56 Church Street
Waterbury, CT 06702

 - B. Family Services of Greater Waterbury, Inc.
34 Murray Street
Waterbury, CT 06710

WINDHAM JUDICIAL DISTRICT (PUTNAM/WILLIMANTIC)

- 1. University of Connecticut
Cooperative Extension System
139 Wolf Den Road
Brooklyn, CT 06234 888-311-8842

- 2. United Services, Inc.
Sonia Family Support Center
1125 Main Street
Willimantic, CT 06226 860-774-2020
or 860-456-2261

Para clases de educación para progenitores favor de comunicarse con: (For parenting education classes in Spanish please contact:)

- 1. Catholic Family Services of Greater Hartford
896 Asylum Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105 860-522-8241

- 2. Catholic Family Services
90 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06052 860-223-9291

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Information About

Parenting Education Programs

List of Approved Programs

**Instructions to Participants
Program Explanation
Program Costs**

This material may be made available in an alternate format, or other assistance may be provided upon request by a qualified individual with a disability under the provisions of the ADA. For information or assistance, contact the program provider where you plan to attend the program.

**Judicial Branch Website:
www.jud.state.ct.us**