

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

By rule of the Probate and Family Court, all parties filing for divorce after July 1, 1995, are required to attend a parental education course regularly offered at numerous locations throughout the Commonwealth. We will provide you with information describing the course, its nature and purpose, and the location of various program sites. *It is your responsibility to contact one of the approved programs after the filing of your complaint for divorce.* Failure to attend prevents your case from being scheduled for a pre-trial hearing or a trial. Your case may be scheduled for a pre-trial conference or hearing if you are enrolled but have not yet attended the program. Once you have enrolled, you should fill out the attached form and return it to the office so that it can be filed with the court when needed. Upon completion of the course, you will receive a Certificate of Attendance, a copy of which should be provided to this office.

If your spouse fails to attend the course, appropriate action is authorized by the Court. You will not be penalized on account of the failure of your spouse to attend the program.

A waiver of attendance is authorized in some limited circumstances. (The applicability or inapplicability of the waiver will be discussed with you during the initial office conference.) If you have additional questions after reviewing the pamphlet or after contact with the program, you should contact this office.

APPROVED PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM PROVIDERS

*All programs are 2 sessions of 2 ½ hours each unless noted otherwise

**Program also offered in Spanish

**On-line parent education programs are NOT accepted in Massachusetts
September, 2008**

ACTON

Changing Families, Changing Times

Boundaries Therapy Center

518 Great Road

Contact: Helen Frey

(978) 263-4878

Website: www.divorcecenter.org

AGAWAM

Parents, Children & Divorce

Behavioral Health Network

Agawam Counseling Center

30 Southwick Street

Feeding Hills

Contact: Coordinator

(413) 786-6410

ATTLEBORO

***Family Service Association
of Greater Fall River, Inc.**

Arbour Fuller Hospital, 200 May Street

Contact: Family Service Department

(508) 678-7542

Website: www.divorcingparents.com

[2 sessions of 3 hours each]

BEVERLY

****Parent Education
and Custody Effectiveness - PEACE**

North Shore Counseling Center

23 Broadway

Contact: Linda Migdole

(978) 922-2280

Spanish language program (978) 922-3605

Website: www.nscpcpsyc.com

BILLERICA

*Divorce and Its Impact
on Children's Development
Perspectives*

First Parish Church

7 Concord Road

Contact: Madeline Segal

(978) 745-7808

BOSTON

Parents Apart

Family Healthy Choices

Massachusetts General Hospital

15 Parkman Street

Contact: Steven Nisenbaum

(978) 887-6342

BRAINTREE

Parents Apart

Divorce Center, Inc.

Braintree Health South Hospital

250 Pond Street

Contact: David Seaquist

(888) 434-8787

Website: www.divorcenter.org

BROCKTON

**Set A Good Example (SAGE)*

**Mass. Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC)**

231 Main Street

Contact: James Kenney

(800) 339-2204

[2 sessions; First 2 hours, Second 3 hours]

Parents Apart

Mass Bay Counseling

Massasoit Community College

1 Massasoit Avenue

Contact: Danielle Latteo

(617) 786-3027

BROOKLINE

For the Sake of the Children

Center for Families in Transition

Brookline PDHQ, 350 Washington St.

Contact: Robin Zucker or Stuart Andrews

(978)468-7245

parentclass@yahoo.com

BROOKLINE

*Parenting Through Divorce:
Supporting the Child*

**Boston Graduate School
of Psychoanalysis**

1581 Beacon Street

Contact: Maureen K. Ryan

(617) 277-3915

Website: www.bgsp.edu

CAMBRIDGE

For the Sake of the Children

Center for Families in Transition

Cambridge College, 1000 Mass Ave.

Contact: Robin Zucker

(978) 468-7245

parentclass@yahoo.com

CHELMSFORD

Moving Forward

Life Transitions Inc.

10 Billerica Road

Contact: Robert DiMeo

(978) 649-6255

Website: www.lifetransitionsinc.net

CHICOPEE

Parents Apart

Elm's College

291 Springfield Street

Contact: Judith Haggerty

(413) 528-3508

DANVERS

Parents Apart, Family Healthy Choices

Contact: Steven Nisenbaum

(978) 887-6342

DEDHAM

Parents Apart, Child & Family

Psychological Services, Inc.

Dedham Community House

671 High Street

Contact: Coordinator

(781) 551-0999

www.cfpsych.org

Focusing on Our Children

Divorce Education Services

671 High Street

Contact: Ann Steele

(781) 237-5064

FALL RIVER

***Family Service Association**

of Greater Fall River, Inc.

151 Rock Street

Contact: Family Service Department

(508) 678-7542

Website: www.divorcingparents.com

[2 Sessions of 3 hours each]

FALL RIVER

***Set A Good Example (SAGE)**

Mass. Society for the Prevention

of Cruelty to Children

46 North Main Street

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(800) 339-2204

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FITCHBURG

****Reducing the Effects of Divorce**

Children's Aid & Family Service

United Way of Central Massachusetts

915 South Street

Contact: Family Counseling Center

(978) 345-4147

FRAMINGHAM

Consider the Children

Divorce Education, Inc.,

Mass Bay Community College

19 Flagg Drive

Contact: Diane Ferkler or Samuel Chiancola

(508) 435-4745

GARDNER

Reducing the Effects of Divorce

Children's Aid & Family Service

Colonial Bed, Breakfast & Conference Ctr.

625 Betty Spring Road

Contact: Family Counseling Center

(978) 345-4147

GREAT BARRINGTON***Parents Apart***

Great Barrington Police Station
Main Street
Contact: Judith Haggerty
(413) 528-3508

GREENFIELD***Families in Transition (FIT)*****Franklin County Bar Association**

Franklin Medical Center
Contact: Mimi Gordon
(413) 773-9839

GROTON***Reducing the Effects of Divorce*****Children's Aid & Family Service**

First Parish Unitarian Church, Rt. 119
(978) 345-4147

HANOVER***Parents Apart*****Marvista Psychological Associates, PC**

South Shore Vocational High School
Contact: Selma Ingber or Charles Mundhenk
(781) 383-0860
Website: www.divorcenter.org

HAVERHILL***Positive Co-Parenting in Difficult Times***

Psychotherapy Associates of North Reading
Northern Essex Community College
Contact: Dr. Donna Whipple
(978) 664-2566 ext. 5
Website: www.panr.net

HYANNIS

*Set A Good Example (SAGE), MSPCC,
206 Breeds Hill Road
(508) 775-0275
Contact: Laura Rittel
[2 sessions; First 2 hours, Second 3 hours]

LAWRENCE*****Divorce and Its Impact
on Children's Development
Perspectives***

Northern Essex Community College
45 Franklin Street
Contact: Madeline Segal
(978) 745-7808

LEXINGTON***Parents Apart*****Charis Institute, Inc.**

3 Militia Drive
Contact: Daniel Verrengia
(781) 863-0350 x503

LITTLETON***Moving Forward*****Life Transitions, Inc.**

461 King Street
Contact: Robert DiMeo
(978) 649-6255
Website: www.lifetransitionsinc.net

LOWELL***Divorce & Its Impact
on Children's Development
Perspectives***

Pawtucket Congregational Church
15 Mammoth Road
Contact: Madeline Segal
(978) 745-7808

LYNN***Divorce and Its Impact
on Children's Development
Perspectives***

Atlantic Care Medical Center
500 Lynnfield Street
Contact: Madeline Segal
(978) 745-7808

***Understanding the Effect
of Divorce on Children
Family & Children's Service
of Greater Lynn, Inc.***
111 North Common Street
Contact: Linda Demerjian
(781) 598-5517

MARLBOROUGH

*Consider the Children
Divorce Education, Inc.*

Relationship Institute
431 Bolton Street
Contact: Diane Ferkler or Samuel Chiancola
(508) 435-4745

MARSHFIELD

Parents Apart

Mass Bay Counseling
Marshfield High School
89 Forest Street
Contact: Danielle Latteo
(617) 786-3027

MEDFORD

Positive Co-Parenting in Difficult Times

**Psychotherapy Associates
of North Reading**
Medford High School
489 Winthrop Street
Contact: Dr. Donna Whipple
(978) 664-2566 ext. 5
Website: www.panr.net

MELROSE

*Divorce and Its Impact
on Children's Development*

Perspectives
Melrose Highlands
Congregational Church
355 Franklin Street
Contact: Madeline Segal
(978) 745-7808

MILFORD

*Consider the Children
Divorce Education, Inc.*

Milford High School
31 West Fountain Street
Contact Diane Ferkler or Samuel Chiancola
(508) 435-4745 or (508) 473-4674

NEW BEDFORD

**Family Service Association
of Greater Fall River, Inc.*

Fisher College
777 Church Street
Contact: Sue Rogue
(508) 678-7542
Website: www.divorcingparents.com
[2 sessions of 3 hours each]

**Set A Good Example (SAGE)*

**Mass. Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Children (MSPCC)**

558 Pleasant Street
Contact: James Kenney
(800) 339-2204
[2 sessions; First 2 hours, Second 3 hours]

NEWBURYPORT

Parents Apart

Family Healthy Choices
Nock Middle School
(978) 887-6342
Contact: Steven Nisenbaum

NORTH ANDOVER

Putting Children First

Family Service, Inc.
Merrimack College
Contact: Intake Worker
(978) 683-9505

NORTH DIGHTON

*Family Service Association
of Greater Fall River, Inc.*

St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Spring Street
Contact: Sue Rogue
(508) 678-7542
Website: www.divorcingparents.com

NORTH READING

*Positive Co-Parenting in Difficult Times
Psychotherapy Assoc. of North Reading*

324 Main Street, (Rt. 28) and
Barberry Road
Contact: Dr. Donna Whipple
(978) 664-2566
Website: www.panr.net

NORTHAMPTON

Parents and Children in Transition
(PACT)
Hampshire County Bar Association
Hall of Records Community Room
33 King Street
Contact: Intake Worker
(413) 586-4597

NORWOOD

Focusing on Our Children
Divorce Education Services
Norwood Hospital
800 Washington Street
Contact: Ann Steele
(781) 237-5064

Parents Apart

Child & Family Psychological Services
Norwood Junior High School
Contact: Coordinator
(781) 551-0999
Website: www.cfpsych.org

PITTSFIELD

Families in Transition
Family Center of the Berkshires
Berkshire Medical Center
741 North Street and
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services
of the Berkshires
333 East Street
Contact: Patrick Fleming
(413) 447-2142

PLYMOUTH

Parents Apart
Marvista Psychological Associates, PC
Plymouth North High School
41 Obery Street
Contact: Selma Ingber or Charles Mundhenk
(781) 383-0860

QUINCY

Parents Apart
Mass Bay Counseling
North Quincy High School
315 Hancock Street
Contact: Danielle Latteo
(617) 786-3027

SALEM

Divorce & Its Impact
on Children's Development
Perspectives
13 Hawthorne Blvd.
Contact: Madeline Segal
(978) 745-7808

SANDWICH

For the Sake of the Children
Center for Families in Transition
Contact: Robin Zucker
(978) 468-7245; parentclass@yahoo.com

SOUTHBRIDGE

Parents Apart
George B. Wells Human Service Center
Harrington Memorial Hospital
29 Pine Street
Contact: Martha Miller
(508) 765-9167

SPRINGFIELD

Parents, Children and Divorce Program
Behavioral Health Network
Child Guidance Clinic
110 Maple Street
Contact: Coordinator
(413) 732-7419

Parents & Children in Divorce
Child & Family Service
of Pioneer Valley, Inc.
Baystate Medical Center
759 Chestnut Street
Contact: Coordinator
(413) 737-4718
Website: www.cfs.org

TAUNTON***Family Service Association of Greater Fall River, Inc.**

Memorial United Methodist Church
176 Somerset Avenue
Contact: Family Service Department
(508) 678-7542
Website: www.divorcingparents.com
[2 sessions of 3 hours each]

WAKEFIELD

Partners for Positive Co-Parenting
Riverside Community Care
338 Main Street, Suite 304
Contact: Coordinator
(781)246-2010

WALTHAM

Parents Apart
Divorce Center, Inc.
West Suburban Chamber of Commerce
84 South Street
Contact: David Seaquist
(888) 434-8787
Website: www.divorcenter.org

WARE

Parents and Children in Divorce
Child & Family Services
of Pioneer Valley
Mary Lane Hospital
85 South Street
Contact: Coordinator
(800) 232-0510
Website: www.cfs.org

WAREHAM

Parents Helping Children
Through Divorce
Psychology Associates
Wareham High School
Contact: Debbie Bell
(508) 747-2718

WATERTOWN

Families Divided
Divorcestep
80 Mount Auburn Street
Contact: Coordinator
(508) 358-7688
Website: www.divorcestep.com

WEST BARNSTABLE

Parents Apart
Mass Bay Counseling
2240 Iyanough Road
Contact: Danielle Latteo
(617) 786-3027

WEST SPRINGFIELD

Parents Apart
Parents in Cooperation
Brightside Center for
Families and Children
2112 Riverdale Road
Contact: Barry Krinsky
(413) 735-1719

Parents & Children in Divorce
Child & Family Service of Pioneer Valley
425 Union Street – Level D
Contact: Coordinator
(413) 737-4718
Website: www.cfs.org

WEST TISBURY

Parents Apart of Martha's Vineyard
Martha's Vineyard Community Services
First Congregational Church
Contact: Coordinator
(508) 693-7900

WESTBOROUGH

Divorce that Works for Children
Active Counseling Associates
43 Hopkinton Road
Contact: Sylvia Sirignano, Glenn Smith
(508) 366-7557

WORCESTER

Parents Apart

University of Mass. Medical Center
55 Lake Avenue North
Contact: Nancy Perkins
(508) 856-8600

****Children Cope with Divorce***

Jewish Family Service of Worcester
646 Salisbury Street
Contact: Zelda Schwartz
(508) 755-3101
Website: www.jfsworcester.org
[2 sessions of 3 hours each]

Parents Apart

Family Services of Central Massachusetts
31 Harvard Street
Contact: Intake Department
(508) 756-4646
Website: www.fscm.org

Consider the Children

Divorce Education, Inc.

6 Melville Street
(508) 435-4745
Contact: Diane Ferkler or Samuel Chiancola