

YOU MUST ATTEND A COURSE ON HOW CONFLICT AFFECTS CHILDREN

In every case involving children in Harris, Montgomery and some surrounding counties both parents are required to attend an approved course on how parental conflict affects children. Parties are not required to attend the course together. If you do not attend the course your case can be dismissed. Attached to this notice is a list of approved courses. Please take one as soon as possible. Cases have been dismissed, and settlements have unraveled, because one parent failed to take the required course. You should not put it off. It is easy to forget about the course until you arrive at court for trial or to submit an agreement. If that happens, your case can be dismissed or, at a minimum, you will have to return to court weeks later after taking the required course.

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Name:	Phone:	Website
Harris County Courses		
Family Time (Humble, TX)	281-446-2615	www.familytimeccc.org
Children Cope (Houston, TX)	713-952-2673	www.childrencope.org
THC (Houston, TX)	713-397-8386	www.thehighestcalling.com
Escape Family Resource Center (Houston, TX)	713-942-9500	www.learntoparent.org
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Online Courses		
Family Affairs		www.parentsforever.org
Parenting and Divorce		www.onlinedivorceprogram.com
Positive Parenting through Divorce		www.positiveparetingthroughdivorce.com
Putting Kids First		www.puttingkidsfirst.org
Parenting Partnerships		www.parentingpartnerships.com

Some courts reject online courses. If you take an online course your final order might not be approved. The course provider should tell you if their course complies with Texas Family Code Section 105.009.

HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT COURTS

RE: PARENTING CLASSES

DOCKETING ORDER

All parents who are parties in divorce cases with suits affecting the parent-child relationship or motions to modify custody filed on or after May1, 1997, MUST attend an educational seminar for divorcing or divorced parents prior to appearing in Court for final orders. Certificates verifying attendance by both parents at one of the parent education seminars listed below should be filed with the clerk of the court in which the case is pending prior to any testimony being offered at a final hearing.

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TESTIMONY WILL NOT BE TAKEN IN FINAL HEARINGS INVOLVING CHILDREN UNLESS THE CERTIFICATE FOR PARENTING CLASSES IS ON FILE WITH THE COURT.

SUGGESTED PARENTING CLASSES

1. CHILDREN COPE	713-952-(cope) 2673	
2. ESCAPE	713-942-9500	
3. CHILDREN IN THE MIDDLE	713-468-0500	
6. CENTRO INFANTIL DE PELCHIN	713-730-2335	
7. STOP THE CONFLICT	713-520-5370	
8. BUILDING NEW BEGINNINGS (ESCAPE CENTER)	713-942-9500	
9. SAMARITAN CENTER (Adoptive Parents)	281-430-7554	

281-446-2615

888-777-2298 ext. 221

10. FAMILY TIME Crisis & Counseling Center

11. PUTTING KIDS FIRST

REGISTRY OF PARENT EDUCATION AND FAMILY STABILIZATION COURSE PROVIDERS WITHIN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

In Person Course Providers

Counseling Center (United Way Building)
550 Country Club Drive
Conroe, Texas 77302
(936) 900-8900

www.ccparenteducation.com

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Counseling Center of Montgomery County
212 Conroe Drive
Conroe, Texas 77301
(936) 760-1880
www.counselingcentermc.com

Consider the Children (832) 671-7879

Counseling Concepts (832) 790-4642

Kessler Counseling Services (936) 447-0541

Positive & Productive Co-Parenting (281) 743-0321 ppcpinformation@gmail.com

Online Course Providers*

The Texas Cooperative Parenting Course www.txparent.com

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^{*} Some courts will not accept online courses. Be sure to check with your court before taking an online class.

IN THE DISTRICT COURTS AND COUNTY COURTS AT LAW OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER REGARDING PERSONS SEEKING CONSERVATORSHIP IN FAMILY LAW CASES

(This Order supersedes and replaces the Order Regarding Persons Seeking Conservatorship in Family Law Cases signed on May 19, 1998.)

Pursuant to the inherent powers of the court and the powers granted by the Texas Family Code, the Court finds that the best interest of the child(ren) of parties involved in original suits affecting the parent-child relationship or in suits to modify existing orders of conservatorship, possession or support, requires that any person seeking to become a managing conservator (temporary or permanent) or seeking access to a child, successfully complete a parent education and family stabilization course pursuant to §105.009 of the Texas Family Code.

This order applies to all persons seeking access to a child or seeking to become a managing or possessory conservator (whether sole, joint, temporary or permanent) in all original actions affecting the parent-child relationship or actions to modify existing orders brought under the Texas Family Code except for actions brought solely for the purpose of enforcing existing court-ordered obligations or actions brought by a governmental agency.

Any person filing a waiver of citation or service shall provide a copy of this order to the person signing the waiver and shall execute and file a statement confirming compliance with this order.

All parties seeking access to a child or seeking to become a managing or possessory conservator (whether sole, joint, temporary or permanent) shall successfully complete a parent education and family stabilization course which complies with §105.009(i) of the Texas Family Code and timely file an original certificate of completion of such course with the court. The parent education and family stabilization course shall be successfully completed by the petitioner or movant within 31 days of filing of the original petition or motion, and by the respondent within 31 days of respondent's first appearance or the filing of an answer or waiver by the respondent, unless the court in which the applicable litigation is pending orders otherwise.

A party's failure to successfully complete a parent education and family stabilization course pursuant to this order may result in the court not appointing the party as a managing conservator or in the court not granting specified periods of possession or access. Additionally, a judge may take appropriate action, including but not limited to holding the party in contempt of court, striking pleadings, or invoking any sanction provided by Rule 215 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

The parent education and family stabilization course required by this order shall comply with and meet all of the requirements of §105.009 of the Texas Family Code. Individual courts may require that parties must attend such course "in person." Parties are, therefore, required to contact the court in which the applicable litigation is pending to

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determine if said court mandates personal attendance. For good cause shown on motion by a party, the assigned judge may waive the requirement of completion of a parent education and family stabilization course or the requirement of personal attendance at such course.

THIS ORDER REGARDING PERSONS SEEKING CONSERVATORSHIP IN FAMILY LAW CASES SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER 1, 2011

HON. FRED EDWARDS 9th Judicial District Court 221st Judicial District Court HON. CARA WOOD HOY KATHLEEN HAMILTON 359 Judicial District Court 284th Judicial District Court HUN. K. MICHALL MAYES HON. TRACY A. GILBERT 410th Judicial District Court 418th Judicial District Court HON. MICHAEL SEILER MON. DENNIS WATSON 435th Judicial District Court County Court at Law #1 HON. CLAUDIA LAIRD HON. PATRICE McDONALD County Court at Law #2 County Court at Law #3 HON. MARY ANN TURNER HOM KEITH M. STEWART County Court at Law #4

County Court at Law #3