

Important Notice for Parties with Children

If your Columbia County Domestic Relations Case involves: **Child Custody, Parenting Time, or Visitation**, pursuant to Columbia County's Supplemental Court Rule (SLR) 8.012, you must attend an approved Parent Education Class and provide proof to the Court.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this court requirement, please call 503-397-2327 ext. 24016.

Approved Parent Education:

In-Person Classes:

- Community Action Team – *Parents Helping Children Cope with Divorce*
 - Two class locations: Rainier and St. Helens
 - You must register for the class ahead of time – *please refer to the attached Registration form*

Online Classes:

- Children in Between Divorce - <http://www.divorce-education.com>
- Northwest Parenting - <https://www.nwresd.org/departments/instructional-services/northwest-parenting>

If different class lengths are available, please complete at least a **4-hour class**.

You must file a certificate of completion with the court.

All parties must complete the program before the initial pre-trial conference.

PARENTS HELPING CHILDREN COPE WITH DIVORCE | 2023

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM, INC.

Child & Family Development Parenting Education Programs

108 West B Street
P.O. Box 10
Rainier, Oregon 97048

Phone: (503) 556-3736
Fax: (503) 556-0705

PARENTS HELPING CHILDREN COPE WITH DIVORCE

Registration Form

NAME _____ Court Case # _____
I am: Petitioner Respondent Co-petitioner

ADDRESS: _____

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip

TELEPHONE: Work _____ Home _____ Message _____

CLASS INFORMATION

Columbia County

_____ PLEASE CHECK HERE IF THERE IS A RESTRAINING ORDER, OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (**parents with these issues MUST attend a class at a different day/time from each other**)

_____ I prefer to not attend the same class as the other parent

PAYMENT:

50.00 money order mailed to the above address
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. CALL (503) 556-3736,

LEAVE a MESSAGE GIVING your name and a phone number where you can be reached between 8 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday

Class is now provided on Zoom
Please call the office if you need other arrangements

"Parents Helping Children Cope with Divorce" is a court appointed parent education program that fulfills the requirements of ORS 3.425.

Program was successfully completed on _____
Instructor's Signature _____

8.012 EDUCATION FOR DIVORCING PARENTS

(1) The following cases are subject to this rule: Annulment or dissolution of marriage actions, legal separation actions, petitions to establish custody or parenting, and post-judgment litigation involving custody or parenting time.

(2) All parties, where the interest of a child under the age of 18 years of age is involved, shall successfully complete the education for divorcing parents program offered by court-designated providers or a pre-approved alternative education program. Parties shall register for the program or make application for approval of an alternate program within 15 days of receiving notice of this education requirement. All parties shall complete the program before the initial pre-trial conference.

(3) Notice and information to the petitioner of the requirement that the parties complete the education program or alternative education program will be provided by the Trial Court Administrator when the petition is filed. The party initiating the proceeding shall register for the program within 15 days after filing the initiating pleading with the Court. A copy of this local rule and instructions on how to register for the program shall be served by the initiating party on all parties against whom relief is sought. Service shall be completed in the manner provided in ORCP 7 at the time the initiating documents are served. All other parties shall have 30 days after service of the notice upon them to register for the program.

(4) Each party shall pay a fee determined by the program provider to cover program costs. The fee may be waived if the party presents a verified affidavit of indigence to the court, and the party meets indigence guidelines.

(5) Each person who successfully completes the Court's program or the pre-approved alternative program shall present a certificate of completion to the judge at the pre-trial conference.

(6) Upon showing of good cause, a party may request a waiver of this rule. The request must be made by motion, supported by affidavit, and filed within 15 days of receipt of the Trial Court Administrator's notice.

(7) Court action on a petition shall not be delayed by a party's refusal or delay in completing the program unless the non-complying party is the petitioner or the moving party. Upon a party's failure to successfully complete the education program pursuant to this rule, the assigned judge may take appropriate action including, but not limited to, proceedings for contempt.