

Juvenile Services Division

Positive Transition: Educational Custody Seminar



An Opportunity
for parties of custody
litigation

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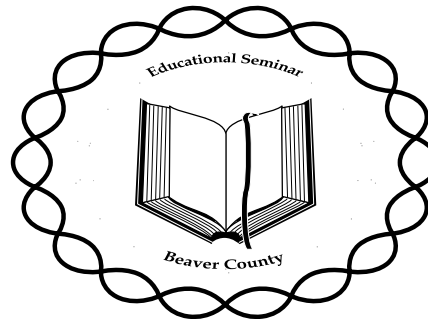
The **Educational Seminar** consists of 4 to 5 hours of class instruction designed to increase knowledge and understanding of how to effectively communicate regarding matters involving custody of a child or children.

Legal Requirements: LR1915C Educational Seminar Pertaining to Parties to Custody Actions: All parties to Custody Actions where the interests of children under the age of eighteen (18) years are involved, shall, unless excused by the Court, complete a program which is entitled the Educational Seminar, or such other title as determined by the Administrative Judge.

The Notice and Registration Form are available at the Beaver County Law Library.

www.beavercountypa.gov/court/law-library.

Failure of a party to successfully complete the Seminar will result in sanctions by the Court, including Contempt.



Goals:

1. Participants will learn how to handle the transition after separation which has significant and lasting effects on their own and their child or children's well-being.
2. Participants will learn how co-parenting conflict has lasting, harmful effects on children.
3. Participants will learn how effective co-parenting puts children's needs above all, including methods for ongoing communication, shared parenting time and shared decision-making about the child or children's needs and interests.
4. Participants will learn how to improve the quality of their parenting, including parental monitoring, family routines and discipline that is respectful and includes the child or children.
5. Participants will learn how attending to their own emotional, social and physical needs, allow them to gain the energy and strength necessary to move forward and behave in ways that protect their child or children's well-being.

Curriculum:

The minimum requirements of 4 to 5 hours of class will include the following subject areas:

- 1. Unit 1: Helping Children Adjust During Separation and Divorce.
- 2. Reduce Co-Parenting Conflict.
- 3. Make a Plan for Shared Parenting.
- 4. Key Parenting Skills to Better Children from Risk.
- 5. Handling Stress and Building a Support Network.

Costs:

The cost of the Educational Seminar is \$55.00 by cash, money order or a certified check, to be paid to Juvenile Services Division at the time of registration. Payment in advance of the Seminar is required. Participants may apply to the Court to have the fee waived due to inability to pay. Verification of income must accompany the application. Determination of indigent status will be made by any Child Custody Officer, Educational Seminar Instructor, or the Educational Seminar Coordinator based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Location:

The class will be held in the Beaver County Courthouse in the Juror's Lounge on the second floor unless informed otherwise at the time of registration.

Dates/Times:

The Educational Seminar will be scheduled at various days and times to accommodate participants' schedules. The exact dates and times of the Seminar will be determined in conjunction with the Courts and the Educational Seminar Coordinator.



Certificates of Completion:

Certificates of Completion will be prepared by the instructor and distributed at the conclusion of the seminar by the instructor if the participant has completed all required sessions and requirements.

A copy will be filed at the Office of the Prothonotary of Beaver County.

Intoxication/Disruptive Behavior:

The Participants are encouraged to participate in discussions and activities; however, disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.

The participant may be dismissed at the discretion of the instructor.

Participants are also advised that they must abstain from the use of illegal drugs and/or alcohol.

No food or drink will be permitted in the classroom. The smoking policy of Beaver County Courthouse will be strictly enforced.

