

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, dissolution of a civil union, 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 \$125 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. If you are in court when you are ordered to attend a program, and you are unable to afford the fee, you may request that the fee be waived at that time.

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.

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.

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, Court Service Centers and on the Judicial Branch website. 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 in this brochure.
- 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.

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

CT Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call 203-874-6270):

- A. **Catholic Charities**
203 High Street
Milford, CT 06460
- B. **Catholic Charities**
205 Wakelee Avenue
Ansonia, CT 06401

DANBURY JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CT Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call 203-743-4412):

- A. **Catholic Family Services**
30 Main Street, Suite 503
Danbury, CT 06810-3004
- B. **Newtown Youth and Family Services**
17 Church Hill Road
Newtown, CT 06470

FAIRFIELD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (BRIDGEPORT)

CT Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call 203-366-5438):

- A. **Catholic Charities of Fairfield County/
Catholic Family Services**
238 Jewett Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606
- B. **FSW**
475 Clinton Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605
- C. **Jewish Family Service**
2370 Park Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604

HARTFORD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

1. **Community Child Guidance Clinic, Inc.**
317 North Main Street
Manchester, CT 06040 **860-643-2101**
2. **CT Council of Family Service Agencies** (to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies under number 2., call 860-527-1124 ext. 218):
 - A. **Catholic Charities / Institute for the Hispanic Family**
896 Asylum Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105
 - B. **Village for Families and Children**
1680 Albany Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105
 - C. **Jewish Family Service of Greater Hartford**
333 Bloomfield Avenue, Suite A
West Hartford, CT 06117

HARTFORD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Continued)

3. **Wheeler Clinic**
(Classes held at)
645 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105 **860-827-2043 ext. 2**
4. **Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc.
Manchester Memorial Hospital** **860-872-9825**
71 Hayes Street
Manchester, CT 06040
5. **Yardley Associates, LLP** **860-688-1240**
Enfield Parent Education Program **1-866-927-3539**
(Classes held at)
Asnuntuck Community College
170 Elm Street
Enfield, CT 06082
6. **Yardley Associates, LLP** **860-688-1240**
West Hartford Parent Education Program (Classes held at)
Hartford Medical Group Building
445 South Main Street
West Hartford, CT 06110 **1-866-927-3539**
7. **Yardley Associates, LLP** **860-688-1240**
Windsor Parent Education Program **1-866-927-3539**
(Classes held at)
Hartford Hospital-Windsor
1060 Day Hill Road
Building #2
Windsor, CT 06095

LITCHFIELD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

1. **CT Council of Family Service Agencies**
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies under number 1., call 860-482-8561):
 - A. **Catholic Charities**
132 Grove Street
Torrington, CT 06790
 - B. **Northwest Center for Family Services and Mental Health**
100 Commercial Blvd.
Torrington, CT 06790
 - C. **Northwest Center for Family Services and Mental Health**
21 Elm Street
New Milford, CT 06776
2. **University of Connecticut
Cooperative Extension System**
843 University Drive
Torrington, CT 06790



MIDDLESEX JUDICIAL DISTRICT

- Roeder and Polansky** 860-347-9911
Family and Child Associates
300 Plaza Middlesex
College Street
Middletown, CT 06457
- CT Council of Family Service Agencies**
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at the agency under number 2., call **1-866-883-1624**):
Catholic Charities, Inc.
10 Elm Street
Middletown, CT 06457

NEW BRITAIN JUDICIAL DISTRICT

- CT Council of Family Service Agencies**
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies under number 1., call **860-223-9291**):
 - Catholic Charities**
90 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051
 - Family Service of Central Connecticut**
29 Russell Street
New Britain, CT 06052
- Wheeler Clinic** 860-827-2043 ext. 2
334 Farmington Avenue
Plainville, CT 06062

NEW HAVEN JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

- Catholic Charities**
St. George Church Education Building
33 Whitfield Street
Guilford, CT 06437
- Catholic Charities**
61 Colony Street
Meriden, CT 06451
- Catholic Charities**
478 Orange Street
New Haven, CT 06511
- Jewish Family Service of New Haven**
1440 Whalley Avenue
New Haven, CT 06515
- Family Services of Central Connecticut**
36 Graves Avenue
Guilford, CT 06437
- Jewish Family Service**
Guilford Youth and Family Services
36 Graves Avenue
Guilford, CT 06437



NORWICH/NEW LONDON JUDICIAL DISTRICT

- CT Council of Family Service Agencies**
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies under number 1., call **860-892-7042 ext. 722**):
 - Catholic Charities, Inc.**
331 Main Street
Norwich, CT 06360

NORWICH/NEW LONDON JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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- United Community & Family Services**
400 Bayonet St., Suite 103
New London, CT 06320
 - United Community & Family Services**
47 Town Street
Norwich, CT 06360-2326
 - United Community & Family Services**
8 Linwood Ave.
Colchester, CT 06415
 - United Community & Family Services**
1595 Hartford Turnpike
Oakdale, CT 06353
- Lymes' Youth Services Bureau** 860-434-7208
59 Lyme Street, P.O. Box 589
Old Lyme, CT 06371
 - Madonna Place** 860-886-6600 ext. 123
240 Main Street
Norwich, CT 06360
 - University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System** 860-486-1005 1-888-311-8842
562 New London Turnpike
Norwich, CT 06360

STAMFORD/NORWALK JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CT Council of Family Service Agencies
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call **203-324-3167**):

- Family Centers, Inc.**
40 Arch Street
Greenwich, CT 06836-7500
- Family Centers, Inc.**
60 Palmer's Hill Road
Stamford, CT 06902
- Catholic Charities of Fairfield County**
30 Myano Lane, Suite 12
Stamford, CT 06902
- Catholic Charities of Fairfield County**
1 Park Street
Norwalk, CT 06851
- Family and Children's Agency**
9 Mott Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06850
- Jewish Family Service**
733 Summer Street
Stamford, CT 06901

TOLLAND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (ROCKVILLE)

- CT Council of Family Service Agencies**
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at the agency under number 1., call **1-866-883-1624**):
Catholic Charities, Inc.
25 St. Bernard's Terrace
Rockville, CT 06066
- Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc.**
Rockville General Hospital 860-872-9825
31 Union Street
Vernon, CT 06066

TOLLAND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (ROCKVILLE)

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- University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension Center** 860-486-1005 1-888-311-8842
24 Hyde Avenue (RT. 30)
Vernon, CT 06066
- University of Connecticut School of Family Studies** 860-486-1005 1-888-311-8842
348 Mansfield Road, U-2058
Storrs, CT 06269-2058
- Yardley Associates, LLP** 860-688-1240
Vernon Parent Education Program 1-866-927-3539
(Classes held at)
Quality Inn Conference Center
51 Hartford Turnpike
Vernon, CT 06066

WATERBURY JUDICIAL DISTRICT

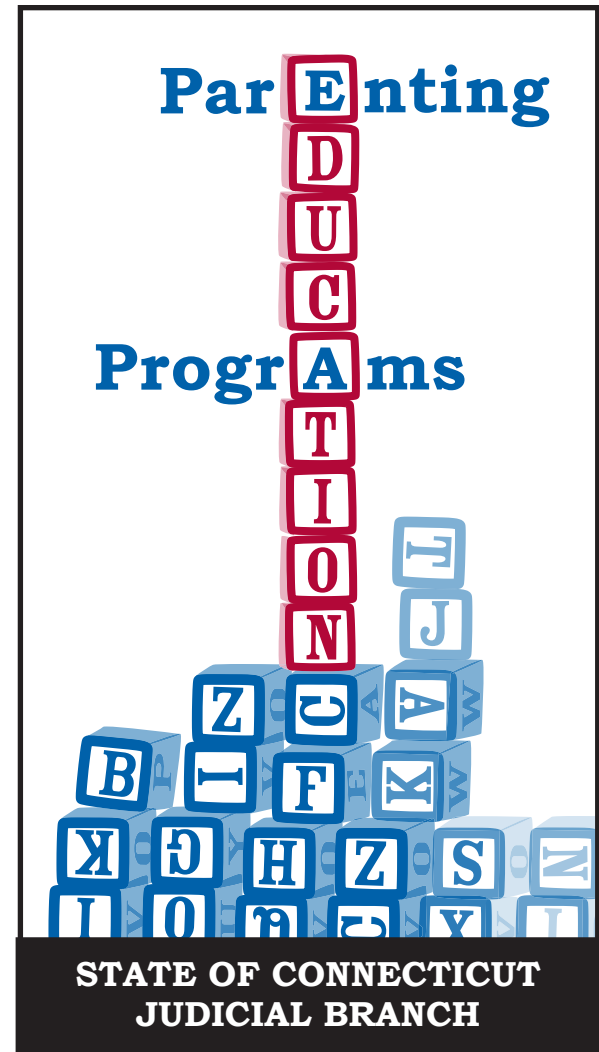
- CT Council of Family Service Agencies**
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies under number 1., call **203-756-8317**):
 - Catholic Charities**
56 Church Street
Waterbury, CT 06702
 - Family Services of Greater Waterbury, Inc.**
34 Murray Street
Waterbury, CT 06710
- Wheeler Clinic** 203-597-1906
326 Highland Avenue
Waterbury, CT 06708

WINDHAM JUDICIAL DISTRICT (PUTNAM/WILLIMANTIC)

- Access Agency** 860-774-0418
1315 Main Street, Suite 2
Willimantic, CT 06226
- Access Agency** 860-774-0418
231 Broad Street
Danielson, CT 06329
- CT Council of Family Service Agencies**
(to attend a Parenting Education Program at the agency under number 3., call **1-866-883-1624**):
Catholic Charities, Inc.
99 Jackson Street
Willimantic, CT 06226
- University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System** 860-486-1005 1-888-311-8842
139 Wolf Den Road
Brooklyn, CT 06234
- United Services, Inc.** 860-774-2020* 860-228-4480
233 Route 6, P.O. Box 200
Columbia, CT 06237-0200
- United Services, Inc.** 860-774-2020* 860-564-6100
303 Putnam Road, P.O. Box 378
Wauregan, CT 06387-0378

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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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List of Approved Programs

**Instructions to Participants
Program Explanation
Program Costs**

**Judicial Branch Website:
www.jud.ct.gov**

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.