

# **APPROVED PROVIDERS AS OF AUGUST 1, 2019**

## **PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT MANDATORY PARENTING SEMINARS**

Fees up to \$60.00, but a sliding fee scale is available, depending on need.

Pierce County Local Rule for Special Proceedings 94.05 became effective September 1, 2000, and mandates attendance at a 4 hour seminar designated to address the impact family restructuring has on children. Seminars from other counties and other states may be accepted on a case by case basis. Seminars must be attended in person and approved by that State or local court for family law/divorce cases. Superior Court has approved the following mandatory parenting seminar programs:

### Impact of Divorce on Children

HopeSparks

6424 N 9<sup>th</sup> ST

Tacoma, WA 98406

**Cost:** up to \$60/person; a sliding fee scale is available

Call (253) 565-4484

[www.hopesparks.org](http://www.hopesparks.org)

### Crossroads of Parenting and Divorce

Army Family Advocacy Program

Offered on JBLM; Building 2013A, Room 111; evening and day sessions

**Population Served:** Active duty service members and their spouses. 20 year retirees and their spouses.

**Cost:** Free

More Info/Register: (253) 966-7180

### The Children Come First

Confidential Associates

1219 Earnest S. Brazill St. (S. 12<sup>th</sup> St.)

Tacoma, WA 98405

**Cost:** up to \$60/person; a sliding fee scale is available

Call (253) 597-8022

[www.confidentialassoc.com](http://www.confidentialassoc.com)

### Consider the Children

Family Education and Support

Offered at various locations in Pierce County and bordering Thurston County; days and times vary

Family Investment Center (FIC) at Salishan - Tacoma

Housing Authority 1724 E 44th St Tacoma, WA 98404

**Spanish interpreters and material available**

**Cost:** up to \$60/person; a sliding fee scale is available Call

Toll Free (1-877) 813-2828 OR (360) 754-7629

<http://familyess.org/program-list/consider-the-children/>

### Always Parents: Families in Transition

Always Parents

City Lights Church – 5000 67<sup>th</sup> Ave W,

**University Place**, WA 98467 and

**Puyallup** Activity Center

210 W. Pioneer, Puyallup 98371

**Cost:** up to \$60/person; a sliding fee scale is available

**Spanish Interpreter/materials available**

**Register online:** [www.alwaysparents.com](http://www.alwaysparents.com) OR

Call (253) 267-3622;

### What Children of Divorce Really Need

Harbor Wellness

Offered in Gig Harbor at various times and days:

6625 Wagner Way NW, Suite 250

Gig Harbor, WA 98335

**Cost:** up to \$60/person; a sliding fee scale is available

Call (253) 851-5450

**Spanish Literature available**

[www.harborwellness.org](http://www.harborwellness.org)

### Don't Forget the Kids

Institute for Children's Advocacy

PO Box 5105

Tacoma, WA 98405

**Cost:** up to \$60/person; a sliding fee scale is available

Call (253) 228-2100

[www.instituteforchildrensadvocacy.info](http://www.instituteforchildrensadvocacy.info)

## **Third Party Custody Cases**

### Impact of 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Custody on Children

HopeSparks

6424 N 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Tacoma, WA 98406

**Cost:** up to \$60/person; a sliding fee scale is available

Call (253) 565-4484

[www.hopesparks.org](http://www.hopesparks.org)

Please note: at this time there are no on-line mandatory parenting seminar providers approved by Pierce County

## PCLSPR 94.05 MANDATORY SEMINARS - IMPACT ON CHILDREN

Pierce County Superior Court finds that it is in the best interest of any child whose parents or custodians are involved in Family Law proceedings to provide such parties with an educational workshop concerning the impact family restructuring has on a child. The workshop offers parties tools to help ensure that a child's emotional needs will not be overlooked during the legal processes, to encourage parties to agree on child-related matters, and to aid in maximizing the use of court time.

**(a) Applicable Cases.** This rule shall apply to all cases filed under Ch. 26.09, Ch. 26.10, or Ch. 26.26 RCW which require a parenting plan or residential schedule for minor children. This rule does not apply to modification cases based solely upon relocation.

**(b) Mandatory Attendance.** In all cases governed by this rule, all parties shall complete an approved parenting seminar. Each party shall attach a copy of the Certificate of Completion to the final parenting plan. Standards for parenting seminars shall be established by the court and providers shall be approved by the court. The court may approve a seminar upon a showing of functional equivalency regarding course content and instructor qualifications. In no case shall opposing parties be required to attend a seminar together.

**(c) Timing.** Parties required by this rule to participate in a parenting seminar shall complete an approved parenting seminar within 60 days after service of the petition or motion initiating the action which is subject to this rule. In the case of paternity actions initiated by the prosecuting attorney's office, the parenting seminar shall be required only when paternity is established or acknowledged and a residential schedule is requested.

**(d) Fees.** Each party attending a seminar shall pay a fee charged by the approved providers and sanctioned by the court. The court or an approved provider may waive the fee for indigent parties.

**(e) Seminar Content/Instructor Qualifications.** The Impact on Children Seminar shall provide information concerning the impact family restructuring has on children. Superior Court (or a committee designated by the Judges) shall adopt guidelines governing the content of the seminar, the number of approved providers and the minimum credentials and experience required of seminar instructors. The provider shall e-file each attendee's Certificate of Completion with the court. The provider shall give each attendee a Certificate of Completion.

**(f) Waiver.** The court may waive the seminar requirement for good cause shown.

**(g) Failure to Comply.** Willful refusal to participate in a parenting seminar or willful delay in completion of a parenting seminar by any party may constitute contempt of court and result in sanctions, including, but not limited to, imposition of monetary terms, striking of pleadings or denial of affirmative parenting plan relief, to a party not in compliance with this rule. Non-participation, or default, by one party does not excuse participation by the other.

**(h) Administrative Policy.** Pierce County Superior Court's current Administrative Policy re: Impact on Children Seminar is set forth in Part VI, Administrative Policies. It may also be found at:

[www.co.pierce.wa.us/superiorcourt](http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/superiorcourt) and by clicking on "Local Rules."

[Amended effective September 1, 2010]