NEW BRITAIN JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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   (to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call one of the numbers below):
   A. Catholic Charities
      860-225-3561
      860-222-8192
   B. Community Mental Health Affiliates
      860-399-2939 ext. 15
      1163 Boston Post Rd.
      The John P. Riggio Building
      P.O. Box 918
      Westbrook, CT 06498

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NEW HAVEN JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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   (to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, except B, call 203-389-5599):
   A. Catholic Charities
      Guilford Youth Services
      36 Graves Avenue
      Guilford, CT 06437
   B. Catholic Charities
      203-235-2507
      231 Broad Street
      Middletown, CT 06457
   C. Catholic Charities
      203-372-2507
      231 Broad Street
      Middletown, CT 06457
   D. Jewish Family Service of New Haven
      1440 Whalley Avenue
      New Haven, CT 06513
   E. Jewish Family Service of Guilford
      203-630-2488 ext. 390
      705 Boston Post Road
      Guilford, CT 06437
   F. Perspectives Counseling Center
      203-293-8382
      341 West Street, Suite B
      Plantsville, CT 06479

2. Perspectives Counseling Center
   203-372-2507
   300 Plaza Middletown
   Middletown, CT 06457

3. Changing Families, LLC
   203-293-8382
   Hamden Parent Education Program
   (Classes held at)
   Clarion Hotel and Suites
   2260 Whitney Avenue
   Hamden, CT 06518

NORWICH/NEW LONDON JUDICIAL DISTRICT

1. CT Council of Family Service Agencies
   (to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call 860-922-7042 ext. 722):
   A. Catholic Charities, Inc.
      331 Main Street
      Norwich, CT 06360
   B. United Community & Family Services
      403 Bayview St., Suite 103
      New London, CT 06320
   C. Lymes’ Youth Services Bureau
      860-434-7208
      59 Lyme Street, P.O. Box 589
      Old Lyme, CT 06371
   D. Madonna Place
      860-886-6600 ext. 123
      24 Main Street
      Norwich, CT 06360
   E. UCONN Cooperative Extension System
      860-486-1005
      562 New London Turnpike
      Norwich, CT 06360
   F. The Humphrey Clinic/PEP2
      860-886-1624
      203-630-2488 ext. 390
      10 Lyons Plains Road
      Westport, CT 06880

2. Wheeler Clinic
   860-827-2043 ext. 2
   334 Farmington Avenue
   Plainville, CT 06062

3. Perspectives Counseling Center
   860-276-3000 ext. 390
   341 West Street, Suite B
   Plantsville, CT 06479

4. UCONN
   University of Connecticut
   860-486-1005
   Cooperative Extension System
   562 New London Turnpike
   Norwich, CT 06360

5. STAMFORD/NORWALK JUDICIAL DISTRICT

1. CT Council of Family Service Agencies
   (to attend a Parenting Education Program at one of the following agencies, call 203-389-5599):
   A. Catholic Charities
      860-226-4480
      13 Wolcott Street
      Waterbury, CT 06702
   B. Family Services of Greater Waterbury, Inc.
      888-311-8842
      34 Murray Street
      Waterbury, CT 06710
   C. Catholic Charities
      860-774-2020*
      866-927-3539
      1-866-883-1624
      203-596-9359
   D. Catholic Charities
      203-756-8317
      203-293-8382
      203-597-1906
      203-846-1605
      860-405-8078
      888-311-8842

6. WINDHAM JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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      888-311-8842
      203-630-2488 ext. 390

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      Old Lyme, CT 06371
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      562 New London Turnpike
      Norwich, CT 06360
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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. In order to participate in a parenting education program, you must pay the program provider when you call to register for the program provider most convenient to 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.

**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.

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**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.
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