

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
JUDICIAL BRANCH
<http://www.courts.state.nh.us>

CHILD IMPACT PROGRAM NOTICE

All parties involved in a divorce, or actions involving parental rights and responsibilities and child support are required by law to attend a CHILD IMPACT PROGRAM. This is a four-hour informational seminar on how to help children deal with issues surrounding divorce, separation and parental rights and responsibilities. The seminar provides strategies, ideas and tools for helping children. Parents may attend the course separately or together.

Both parties must complete the seminar within 45 days of the date the respondent was served with the petition. Seminar registration is expected PRIOR TO the First Appearance court session. After you attend the seminar, a certificate of completion will be forwarded to the court by the provider.

Failure to attend the seminar will result in appropriate sanctions being ordered by the court, which may include being held in contempt of court and sentenced to jail or payment of a fine or both.

If you need additional time to complete the seminar, you must file a motion with the court, requesting the additional time. These motion forms are available at the court.

The court may exempt you from attendance at the seminar if:

- You are incarcerated;
- You have previously attended the seminar;
- The Division of Child Support has brought an action to enforce or modify an existing order; or
- Exceptional circumstances exist which indicate good cause for the court to grant an exception.

If you think you should be exempted, you must file a motion with the court requesting the exemption. These motion forms are available at the court. In the case of domestic violence, if there has been no exemption granted by the court, the parties should attend separate seminars.

The fee for the seminar is \$85.00 per person and must be paid to the seminar provider in advance. If you are unable to afford the seminar fee, contact the seminar provider.

The seminar is offered at different locations and times. **PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE SEMINAR PROVIDERS LISTED ON THE NEXT PAGE/REVERSE SIDE IMMEDIATELY FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR A SEMINAR.**

CHILD IMPACT PROGRAM NOTICE**PROGRAM PROVIDERS**

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>PROGRAM PROVIDERS</u>
BELKNAP COUNTY	Laconia	524-1100	Genesis Behavioral Health
CARROLL COUNTY	Conway Wolfeboro	447-2111 569-1884	Northern Human Services Northern Human Services
CHESHIRE COUNTY	Keene	357-4598	Cheshire Mediation Services
COOS COUNTY	Groveton	636-2555	Northern Human Services
GRAFTON COUNTY	Lebanon Littleton Plymouth	448-0126 444-5358 536-1118	West Central Behavioral Health Northern Human Services Genesis Behavioral Health
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY	Manchester Nashua	628-7787 598-7155 x 3900	The Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester Community Council of Nashua
MERRIMACK COUNTY	Concord	226-7516 x 4039	Riverbend Children's Intervention Program
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	Exeter Portsmouth Derry	431-6703 431-6703 434-1577	Seacoast Mental Health Center Seacoast Mental Health Center Center for Life Management
STRAFFORD COUNTY	Rochester	516-9624	Community Partners
SULLIVAN COUNTY	Claremont Newport	448-0126 448-0126	West Central Behavioral Health West Central Behavioral Health

PLEASE NOTE: Seminar sessions are provided in a variety of cities, and you may sign up for any seminar regardless of county. Please contact one of the providers above for information on locations and to register for the seminar PRIOR TO the First Appearance court session.

Visit the website at www.nhcbha.org/cf/childrenfirst.cfm for more information on the program and for schedules in the different locations.