

Helping Children Cope With Family Separation

Brown County, Ohio

2018

A Cooperative Process: The Brown County Domestic Relations Court, The Brown County Juvenile Court, and Lifespan Solutions, Cincinnati, Ohio

Your Decision and its Impact on Your Children

The decision to separate and/or to divorce usually follows much thought and careful consideration. This program is designed to help you and your children work through difficult transitions related to your divorce and related changes in your family structure and circumstances. Like any other life-changing event, divorce can result in emotional growth, or can be a negative experience leaving lasting scars. While you may not have chosen this experience for yourself and your children, you do have a choice in the way you handle it. Family separation can be very difficult and painful, but you and your children can move forward in healthy and positive ways.

An Important Message from the Courts

*“All children are impacted by their parents’ divorce or family separation. While some adjust more quickly than others, many suffer the emotional fallout and carry the hurt into their own adult years and relationships. The **Helping Children Cope with Family Separation** program is intended to enable you, the parents, to play an active role in lessening the negative effects and/or trauma imposed upon your children as a consequence of your separation. Therefore, **attendance is mandatory, and a necessary step in scheduling your domestic hearings and in determining your ongoing status in relation to your children.**”*

Scott T. Gusweiler, Judge, Brown County Common Pleas Court
 Stephen J. Tissandier, Magistrate, Brown County Domestic Relations Court
 Danny R. Bubp, Judge, Brown County Juvenile Court
 Karen Oakley, Magistrate, Brown County Juvenile Court

Why This Is So Important

As many as fifty percent of all marriages are presently ending in divorce. Many of these couples have one or more children who must cope with the breakup of their home. Approximately one-third of divorced parents remain bitter and conflicted several years following their divorce. Unfortunately, much of this bitterness and emotional pain is often played out in the life and experiences of the children. The goal of **Helping Children Cope with Family Separation** is to help parents understand that the best gift they can give their children — and themselves — is learning how to co-parent their children in a positive, healthy manner.

Brown County Meeting Location

Third Saturday of each month
 9:30 am to Noon

*Brown County Department of Job and Family Services
 (Conference Room)
 775 Mt. Orab Pike
 Georgetown, Ohio, 45121*

Registration

Please complete the attached registration form and *mail with a money order for \$45.00 (No personal checks) to the address on the form.* Classes are filled in the order of receipt of the registration form. If the class you have chosen is full, you will be contacted and offered an alternative time. ***Alternate classes are offered in West Union, Ohio (Adams County) on the second Wednesday evening of each month (except for 2nd Tuesday in January 2018) from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm in the Adams County Service Annex – Adams County Government Center - Conference Room, 215 North Cross Street, West Union, Ohio (across from the Court House).*** Refer to the attached registration for 2018 dates for both Brown County and Adams County.

A minimum of five registrants are required for the class to meet. If you have registered and class has to be cancelled due to low registration, you will be contacted with invitation to either take the class offered in that month at the other location, or to register for the class meeting in the following month.

YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION

Helping Children Cope with Family Separation is, in part, based on the Helping Children Cope with Divorce program developed by Beech Acres, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio.

For more information or if you have questions call A. Eugene Smiley at 513-324-3999. If you have to leave a message your call will be returned within 24 hours.

Helping Children Cope With Family Separation
Mail with money order for \$45.00 to: Lifespan Solutions,
7672 Montgomery Rd, #153, Cincinnati, OH 45236

Registration-2018

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Court Case # _____ Brn Cty Court _____ Adams Cty Court _____

While it is preferred that you take the class when it is offered in the county of your court involvement, your court will honor your attendance in the other county if it is more convenient for you to take it there.

Please check the location and date you plan to attend.

Adams County

Adams County Service Annex Conference Room
215 N. Cross Street, West Union, Ohio
(Across from the Court House)
630-900 pm

- ___ **TUESDAY** January 9, 2018
- ___ Wednesday February 14, 2018
- ___ Wednesday March 14, 2018
- ___ Wednesday April 11, 2018
- ___ Wednesday May 9, 2018
- ___ Wednesday June 13, 2018
- ___ Wednesday July 11, 2018
- ___ Wednesday August 8, 2018
- ___ Wednesday September 12, 2018
- ___ Wednesday October 10, 2018
- ___ Wednesday November 14, 2018
- ___ Wednesday December 12, 2018

2019

- ___ Wednesday January 9, 2019

Brown County

Brown County Department of Job & Family Services
775 Mt. Orab Pike, Georgetown, Ohio
930 am - Noon

- ___ Saturday January 20, 2018
- ___ Saturday February 17, 2018
- ___ Saturday March 17, 2018
- ___ Saturday April 21, 2018
- ___ Saturday May 19, 2018
- ___ Saturday June 16, 2018
- ___ Saturday July 21, 2018
- ___ Saturday August 18, 2018
- ___ Saturday September 15, 2018
- ___ Saturday October 20, 2018
- ___ Saturday November 17, 2018
- ___ Saturday December 15, 2018

2019

- ___ Saturday January 19, 2019

___ Wednesday February 13, 2019

___ Saturday February 16, 2019

___ Wednesday March 13, 2019

___ Saturday March 16, 2019

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(This program is for adults only - No child care is provided)