Court Mandated Parent Education Program
Putting Children First

Who must attend?
According to the court regulations, all parents of children under eighteen years old, filling for divorce must attend the classes.

Can I attend with my spouse?
No. The court approved Parent Education Guidelines require that spouses attend separate sessions.

Do I have to attend both classes?
Yes, the state requires a total of five hours of class time within two sessions.

Who conducts the course?
Experienced, state approved counselors lead this course. The leader must have five + years licensed counseling and group training experience as well as experience with divorce issues.

What is the purpose of this course?
The assumptions are that parents want to do a good job raising their kids and that divorce is an unsettling experience for kids and their parents. The focus of class time is to understand and mitigate the negative effects of divorce on children.

What happens in a class?
The class utilizes a variety of activities including: lectures, discussions, video and group discussion.

Putting Children 1st is a program of:
Family Services of the Merrimack Valley

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430 North Canal Street
Lawrence, MA 01840
Tel: 978.327-6600
Fax: 978.327-6601
www.FSMV.org

All classes are held from **5:00– 7:30 PM**

Classes start promptly. Please make every effort to be on time. Participants must attend the entire two sessions to be eligible for a completion certificate. Do not bring children to class

The classes are held in the
McQuade Library
Merrimack College
North Andover
in the first floor conference room.

To Register
Complete, cut out and return the registration form with a $80.00 payment.
***You can also register online at www.FSMV.org**

Confirmation calls
Feel free to call the receptionist to confirm your place in class. To receive a confirmation call, you must enter a *"Confirmation Phone"* on the registration form. If you do not leave a confirmation phone you will not receive a confirmation call.

Cancellation
The $80.00 fee is nonrefundable unless two full business days' notice is given prior to date/time of class. For example: to cancel a Wednesday 5:00 p.m. class noticed must be received before Monday at 5:00 p.m. To cancel, call (978) 327-6600.

Cancelled Classes
The classes will be cancelled if Merrimack College's are cancelled. Come to the second session.

Registration Form

Name:_____

Street:_____

City/St/Zip:_____

Home Phone:_____

Cell Phone:_____

Confirmation Phone:_____
(Required if you want to receive a confirmation call)

Spouse's Name:_____

Dates of the class I plan to attend: _____

Enclosed is my **$80.00** payment with:

❑ Check
(payable to Family Services of the Merrimack Valley. There is a $20.00 charge for returned checks)

❑ Credit Card _____Visa _____Master Card

Name on Card: _____

#_____

Expiration Date: _____CVV#: _____
(# on the back of the card)

Signature:_____

Mail completed form with payment to:
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