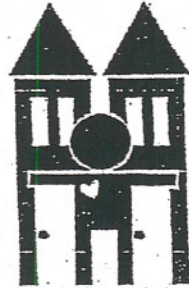




CHILDREN OF DIVORCE SEMINAR

PARENTING THROUGH SEPARATION AND DIVORCE



NOTICE OF MANDATE

The session of the Virginia General Assembly passed, House Bill 2128, which makes divorce education for parents mandatory statewide permanently. Below is the relevant excerpt from this legislation.

"When the parties are parents of a child whose custody or visitation, or support is at issue for an original decision, whether contested or by agreement, shall show proof that they have attended within the 12 months prior to their court appearance or that they shall attend within 45 days thereafter an educational seminar....."

The Mental Health Association of the New River Valley offers **The Children of Divorce Seminar, Parenting Through Separation and Divorce** seminars in **Blacksburg** and **Wytheville**. This is a one-time, four hour seminar. The fee is \$45.00 per participant if paid one week prior to the Seminar. If the fee is paid anytime after this, it is increased to \$50.00 (\$45 fee plus \$5 late fee). The fee may be waived if strict financial eligibility is determined. Contact the office for more information.

The Seminar will give parents information which will help them support their children's emotional well-being during and after the separation and divorce process. Not statement or admissions in the Seminar shall be admissible into evidence in any subsequent proceeding. This seminar is open to anyone interested in the wellbeing of children of divorce and separation homes, such as grandparents, teachers, attorneys, and counselors. ***This seminar is not for children.***

All participants will receive a Certificate of Completion upon exiting the Seminar. The Judge will receive an updated roster of attendance after each Seminar.

Seminars are held twice a month. It is the responsibility of the parents to register for and attend the Seminar. To obtain the current schedule of seminars, additional information, and to pre-register, contact:

Mental Health Association of the New River Valley
951-4990 (Montgomery and Floyd Counties and Radford)
Or
1-800-559-2800 (All other areas)

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