



LORAIN COUNTY DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT

Lorain County Justice Center

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ATTENTION PARENTS

If you are an established parent with minor children involved in a **custody, visitation, divorce, dissolution, or legal separation** case, you will be REQUIRED to attend the

SEPARATING PARENTS SEMINAR

For more information or to register for the Seminar:

Visit	www.lcfct.org
Email	parenting.seminar@lcfct.org
Call	(440) 326-4846
In-person	225 Court Street, 2 nd floor, Elyria, Ohio 44035

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FAQs

What is the Separating Parents Seminar?

- The Separating Parents Seminar was developed to help parents understand both the legal and emotional issues involved with parenting time and focus on improving parents' communication skills needed for coparenting. All separating parents are required to attend the Seminar.

Who is required to take the Separating Parents Seminar?

- On all initial divorce, dissolution, or legal separations where children are involved, each parent **must** complete the Seminar.
- On motions concerning custody or visitation, each parent is required by the Court to attend the Seminar. Any other individuals named in the case may be required by the Court to attend the Seminar.

When is the Seminar offered?

- The Seminar is offered once a month, either on a Monday evening or a Saturday morning. Visit www.lcdrc.org or call Family Court Services at (440) 329-4846 for more information on specific dates.

Where is the Seminar?

- Virtual option: Family Court Services will send you the Zoom link information by email. Participants must download the Zoom application in order to view the webinar.
- In-person option: Lorain County Justice Center, 225 Court Street, Elyria, Ohio 44035.

What if I do not attend the seminar?

- If you do not attend the seminar, the following may occur:
 - The case may not proceed to final hearing if the parent filing the action does not attend the Seminar.
 - The party may not be declared the residential parent/legal custodian without attending the Seminar.
 - Any parent granted visitation/companionship time may not exercise the parenting time until completing the Seminar.
 - The case could be dismissed.

What if I am not available for the Seminar?

- There is an online class that is available, **at a cost**, and is a minimum of 4 hours. To complete the class, you can register at: The Center for Divorce Education, <https://www.divorce-education.com/oh/lorain>.

Certificates of Attendance will be provided to participants who successfully complete the entire session. Pre-registration is required, and childcare is not provided.