## **About our Online Classes**

Family Affairs offers classes completely online – no calling to register, no mailing exams, no hidden mailing fees, and no waiting for your certificate. Once you complete the course online, your certificate of completion is immediately available online.

Online Classes are convenient and flexible. You can complete the course in a few hours or a few months. The classes are self-paced and there is no specific time you have to be available. The classes fit into your schedule, not the other way around. By offering courses online, Family Affairs makes this valuable program easily accessible and affordable to all families in need.

If you have an IFP (in forma pauperis) and you are represented by your local Legal Aid you may qualify for a fee waiver. For more information, please visit www.Family-Affairs.org. You may contact us with your fee waiver request via the help link on the website.

## 100% Online

- Guaranteed Court Acceptance
- Available 24 hours
- Live Help Desk & Knowledge Base
- Self-Paced
- Convenient and Affordable
- Available in English & Spanish
- Immediate Certificate available upon completion

## What others say about our courses...

"I really enjoyed the videos. I liked the examples and felt it portrays the real life crisis of divorce. Great experience taking this course!" Participant - TX

"The information I got from this course has been very helpful. I had no idea that just because our little girl is only 3, doesn't mean she isn't going through some kind of emotional problems... This course gives helpful information for all stages of life and what to look for." Participant – VA

"This course was excellent. It really opened my eyes to how a divorce really affects children." Participant - FL

"The course was very straightforward and provided clear and easy-to-understand information. The videos were good, also. The combination of information and video made the course easy to follow and kept my attention so that I could complete it in one session." Participant - GA

"I have been absolutely thrilled with the information that I have learned through all these courses. The information is invaluable. I am very pleased with this course and the things I have learned through the lessons. Thank you for providing such a wonderful service." Participant - TN

"Your online customer service is wonderful!!! Thank you so much." Participant – PA

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"I loved the course!! This stage is not very easy for both the parents but most of all the child. Therefore these courses and study guides are a perfect way to start in the right track. Thank you!" Participant - NV





# **About our Program**

Divorce in the U.S. affects nearly 1.3 million children every year. Fewer than half of America's children can expect to live out their childhood with both of their biological parents.

When parents are unable to deal constructively with custody, child support, and other difficult divorce issues, the pain for children and parents endures long after the divorce is final.



Parents Forever is an educational program developed by the University of Minnesota Extension for parents going through divorce. It encourages parents to negotiate divorce related decisions in a manner that reduces the negative impact of divorce on their children.

The program helps parents:

- Eliminate parental conflict in the presence of the child
- Keep the child out of the parental issues
- Provide access to both parents
- Put the best interests of the child first

#### **Our Courses**

The Parents Forever Program consists of five courses. Taken alone or in combination, the courses meet the minimum standards for court mandated education requirements. Most states require a minimum four hour class while others require six to twelve hours. The 6-12 hour requirements may be met by combining the classes. Discounts are available for multiple course registrations.

#### Impact of Divorce on Children (4 hrs)

(Available in English & Spanish)

If you have children, this is the course you must take to meet the minimum requirements of ALL courts. Some states require additional courses/hours.

This course focuses on what children experience during divorce and how parents can lead their children through this time of transition while helping them regain a sense of stability.

Topics covered include: Understanding what children experience when their parents divorce; Strengthening communication skills; Parenting strategies; Developing a parallel parenting plan.

## Impact of Divorce on Adults (2 hrs)

(Available in English & Spanish)

Helps adults understand the divorce process and suggests ways to cope constructively with the accompanying stress, anger and conflict.

#### Money Issues in Divorce (2 hrs)

Money is a big issue in divorce. This unit suggests ways to cope with the emotional, social and economic aspects of living with reduced income. Topics covered include: adjusting to changes in income, understanding the costs of raising children, rethinking how to spend money, setting money goals, how to talk with children about money, and money conflicts.

# Legal Issues and the Role of Mediation in Divorce (2 hrs)

Offers an introduction to the legal process and mediation. Components include:methods of dispute resolution, how to select an attorney, custody, visitation maintenance and child support, and mediation as an option.

## Pathways to a New Life (2 hrs)

This concluding unit offers participants the opportunity to look at the skills they want to develop to succeed in future relationships including: concepts of letting go, redefining parental roles and new social ties, reconciliation, single parenting, new relationships, and step families.