

If a divorcing couple in Massachusetts has children attendance at a parent education program is mandatory before a court can issue a divorce decree. Below is a list of programs offered in different parts of Massachusetts. Contact the listed program directly to arrange for an appointment.

For divorce mediation and other legal matters please visit [here](#).

Parent Education Programs: Understanding The Effect Of Divorce On Children

Probate and Family Court

Administrative Office

Two Center Plaza

Boston, MA 02108

ACTON

Changing Families, Changing Times, Boundaries Therapy Center, 518 Great Rd., (978) 263-4878, Contact: Helen Frey, Website: www.divorcenter.org

AGAWAM

Parents, Children & Divorce, Behavioral Health Network, Agawam Counseling Center, 30 Southwick St., P.O. Box 84, Feeding Hills (413) 786-6410, Contact: Coordinator

ATTLEBORO

***Family Service Assoc. of Greater Fall River, Inc.**, Arbour Fuller Hospital, 200 May St., (508) 678-7542, Contact: Family Service Department, Website:

www.divorcingparents.com

[2 sessions of 3 hours each]

BEVERLY

**** PEACE, North Shore Counseling Center**, 23 Broadway, (978) 922-2280, Contact: Linda Migdole, Spanish-language program: (978) 922-3605, Website:

www.nscpsyc.com

BILLERICA

Divorce and Its Impact on Children's Development, Perspectives, 7 Concord Rd., (978) 745-7808, Contact: Madeline Segal

BOSTON

Parents Apart, Charis Institute, Inc., Massachusetts General Hospital, 15 Parkman St., (978) 774-1411 x501, Contact: Steven Nisenbaum

BRAINTREE

Parents Apart, Divorce Center, Inc., Braintree Health South Hospital, (888) 434-8787, Contact: David Seaquist, Website: www.divorcenter.org

BROCKTON

*** Set a Good Example (SAGE), MSPCC**, 231 Main St. 3rd floor, (800) 339-2204, Contact: James Kenney

[2 sessions: First session 2 hours, second session 3 hours]

Parents Apart, Mass Bay Counseling, Massasoit Community College, (617) 786-3027, Contact: Karen Jones

BROOKLINE

For the Sake of the Children, Center for Families in Transition, 1419 Beacon St., (617) 965-1176, Contact: Stuart Andrews or Elka Schlager

***Parenting Through Divorce: Supporting the Child*, Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis, 1581 Beacon St., (617) 277-3915, Contact: Maureen K. Ryan, Website: www.bgsp.edu**

CAMBRIDGE

***For the Sake of the Children*, Center for Families in Transition, YWCA, 7 Temple St., (617) 965-1176, Contact: Stuart Andrews or Elka Schlager**

CHELMSFORD

***Parents Apart*, Family Associates of Merrimack Valley, 201 Chelmsford St., (978) 256-1467 x31, Contact: Beth Andrews**

DANVERS

***Parents Apart*, Charis Institute, Inc., Calvary Episcopal Church, Cherry St., (978) 774-1411 x502, Contact: Paul Bombara**

FALL RIVER

*** Family Service Assoc. of Greater Fall River, Inc., 151 Rock St., (508) 678-7542, Contact: Family Service Department, Website: www.divorcingparents.com**

[2 sessions of 3 hours each]

*** *Set a Good Example (SAGE)*, MSPCC, 46 North Main St., (800) 339-2204, Contact: James Kenney**

[2 sessions: First session 2 hours, second session 3 hours]

FITCHBURG

**** *Reducing the Effects of Divorce*, Children's Aid & Family Service, United Way of Central Mass., 915 South St., (978) 345-4147, Contact: Family Counseling Center**

FRAMINGHAM

***Consider the Children*, Divorce Education, Inc., Mass Bay Community College, 19 Flagg Drive, (508) 435-4745, Contact: Diane Ferkler or Samuel Chiancola**

GARDNER

***Reducing the Effects of Divorce*, Children's Aid & Family Service, Colonial Bed, Breakfast & Conference Center, 625 Betty Spring Rd., (978) 345-4147, Contact: Family Counseling Center**

GREAT BARRINGTON

***Parents Apart*, Great Barrington Police Station, (413) 528-3508, Contact: Judith Haggerty**

GREENFIELD

***Families in Transition (FIT)*, Franklin County Bar Association, Berkshire Community College, (413) 773-9839, Contact: Christine Baronas**

GROTON

***Reducing the Effects of Divorce*, Children's Aid & Family Service, First Parish Unitarian Church, Rt. 119, (978) 345-4147**

HANOVER

***Parents Apart*, Marvista Psychological Associates, PC, South Shore Vocational High School, (781) 383-0860, Contact: Selma Ingber or Charles Mundhenk, Website:**

www.divorcenter.org

HOLYOKE

***Parents Apart*, Brightside Center/Providence Hospital, (413) 528-3508, Contact: Judith Haggerty**

HYANNIS

* *Set a Good Example (SAGE)*, MSPCC, 206 Breeds Hill Rd., (800) 339-2204, Contact: James Kenney

[2 sessions: First session 2 hours, second session 3 hours]

LAWRENCE

** *Divorce & Its Impact on Children's Development, Perspectives*, Northern Essex Community College, 45 Franklin St., (978) 745-7808, Contact: Madeline Segal

LLEXINGTON

Parents Apart, Charis Institute, Inc., 3 Militia Dr., (781) 863-0350 x503, Contact: Daniel Verrengia

LITTLETON

Moving Forward, Life Transitions, Inc., 462 King St., (978) 649-6255, Contact: Coordinator

LOWELL

Divorce & Its Impact on Children's Development, Perspectives, 15 Mammoth Rd., (978) 745-7808, Contact: Madeline Segal

LYNN

Divorce & Its Impact on Children's Development, Perspectives, Atlantic Care Medical Center, (978) 745-7808, Contact: Madeline Segal

Understanding the Effect of Divorce on Children, Family & Children's Service of Greater Lynn, Inc., 111 North Common St., (781) 598-5517, Contact: Linda Demerjian

MARLBOROUGH

Consider the Children, Divorce Education Inc., Relationship Institute, 431 Bolton St., (508) 435-4745, Contact: Diane Ferkler or Samuel Chiancola

MARSHFIELD

Parents Apart, Mass Bay Counseling, Marshfield High School, 89 Forest St., (617) 786-3027, Contact: Karen Jones

MEDFORD

Positive Co-Parenting in Difficult Times, Psychotherapy Associates of North Reading, Medford High School, 489 Winthrop St., (978) 664-2566, Contact: Dr. Donna Whipple, Website: www.counseling.com/panr

MELROSE

Divorce & Its Impact on Children's Development, Perspectives, 355 Franklin St., (978) 745-7808, Contact: Madeline Segal

MILFORD

Consider the Children, Divorce Education, Inc., Milford High School, 31 West Fountain St., (508) 435-4745 or (508) 473-4674, Contact: Diane Ferkler or Samuel Chiancola

NEEDHAM

Focusing on Our Children, Divorce Education Services, Deaconess-Glover Hospital, 148 Chestnut St., (781) 237-5064, Contact: Ann Steele

NEW BEDFORD

* *Family Service Association of Greater Fall River, Inc.*, Fisher College, 777 Church St., (508) 678-7542, Contact: Sue Rogue, Website: www.divorcingparents.com
[2 sessions of 3 hours each]

* *Set a Good Example (SAGE)*, MSPCC, 558 Pleasant St., (800) 339-2204, Contact: James Kenney

[2 sessions: First session 2 hours, second session 3 hours]

NEWBURYPORT

Parents Apart, Charis Institute, Inc., Nock Middle School, (978) 774-1411 x505,
Contact: Gerry Elliott

NORTH ANDOVER

Putting Children First, Family Service, Inc., Merrimack College, (978) 683-9505,
Contact: Intake Worker

NORTH DIGHTON

Family Service Association of Greater Fall River, Inc., St. Joseph's Parish Hall,
Spring St., (508) 678-7542, Contact: Sue Rogue, Website: www.divorcingparents.com

NORTH READING

Positive Co-Parenting in Difficult Times, Psychotherapy Assoc. of North Reading,
324 Main St. (Rt. 28), and Barberry Road, (978) 664-2566, Contact: Dr. Donna Whipple,
Website: www.counseling.com/panr

NORTHAMPTON

Parents and Children in Transition (PACT), Hampshire County Bar Association, Hall
of Records Community Room, 33 King St., (413) 586-4597, Contact: Rebecca Ryan

NORWOOD

Parents Apart, Child & Family Psychological Services, Inc., Norwood Junior High
School, (781) 551-0999, Contact: Coordinator, Website: www.cfpsych.org

Focusing on Our Children, Divorce Education Services, Norwood Hospital, (781) 237-
5064, Contact: Ann Steele

PITTSFIELD

Families in Transition, Family Center of the Berkshires, 741 North St., and 333 East
St., (413) 447-2142, Contact: Patrick Fleming

PLYMOUTH

Parents Apart, Marvista Psychological Associates, PC, Plymouth North High School,
(781) 383-0860, Contact: Selma Ingber or Charles Mundhenk

QUINCY

Parents Apart, Mass Bay Counseling, Adams Inn, 29 Hancock St., (617) 786-3027,
Contact: Karen Jones

SALEM

Divorce & Its Impact on Children's Development, Perspectives, 6 Norman St., (978)
745-7808, Contact: Madeline Segal

SANDWICH

For the Sake of the Children, Center for Families in Transition, 142 Main St., (617)
965-1176, Contact: Stuart Andrews

SOUTHBRIDGE

Parents Apart, George B. Wells Human Service Center, Harrington Memorial Hospital,
29 Pine St., (508) 765-9167, Contact: Martha Miller

SPRINGFIELD

*Parents, Children and Divorce Program, Behavioral Health Network, Child
Guidance Clinic*, 110 Maple St., (413) 732-7419, Contact: Coordinator

Pathways Through Divorce, Jewish Family Service of Greater Springfield, 15 Lenox
St., (413) 737-2601, Contact: Mary Bandouveres, Website: www.jfslink.org

Parents & Children in Divorce, Child and Family Service of Pioneer Valley, Inc.,

Baystate Medical Center, 759 Chestnut St., (413) 737-4718, Contact: Coordinator,
Website: www.cfs.org

TAUNTON

* **Family Service Association of Greater Fall River, Inc.**, 176 Somerset Ave., (508) 678-7542, Contact: Family Service Department, Website: www.divorcingparents.com
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WALTHAM

Parents Apart, Divorce Center, Inc., 84 South St., (888) 434-8787, Contact: David Seaquist, Website: www.divorcenter.org

WARE

Parents and Children in Divorce, Child & Family Services of Pioneer Valley, Mary Lane Hospital, 85 South St., (800) 232-0510, Contact: Coordinator, Website: www.cfs.org

WAREHAM

Parents Helping Children Through Divorce, Psychology Associates, Wareham High School, (508) 747-2718, Contact: Debbie Bell

WEST BARNSTABLE

Parents Apart, Mass Bay Counseling, Cape Cod Community College, Rt. 132, (617) 786-3027, Contact: Karen Jones

WEST SPRINGFIELD

Parents Apart, Parents in Cooperation, Brightside Center for Families and Children, 2112 Riverdale Rd., (413) 735-1719, Contact: Barry Krinsky

Parents & Children in Divorce, Child & Family Service of Pioneer Valley, 425 Union St., Level D, (413) 737-4718, Contact: Coordinator, Website: www.cfs.org

WESTBOROUGH

Divorce That Works for Children, Active Counseling Associates, 43 Hopkinton Rd., (508) 366-7557, Contact: Sylvia Sirignano

WESTFIELD

Parents & Children in Divorce, Child & Family Service of Pioneer Valley, Inc., Noble Hospital, West Silver St., (413) 737-4718, Contact: Coordinator, www.cfs.org

WORCESTER

Parents Apart, University of Mass. Medical Center, 55 Lake Ave. North Room S5-100A, (508) 856-8600, Contact: Nancy Perkins

* **Children Cope With Divorce, Jewish Family Service of Worcester**, 646 Salisbury St., (508) 755-3101, Contact: Zelda Schwartz, Website: www.jfsworcester.org
[2 sessions of 3 hours each]

Parents Apart, Family Services of Central Massachusetts, 31 Harvard St., (508) 756-4646, Contact: Intake Department, Website: www.fscm.org

Consider the Children, Divorce Education, Inc., 6 Melville St., (508) 435-4745, Contact: Diane Ferkler