

NORTHEASTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PARENTING SEMINAR INFORMATION

Approved parenting seminars include:

The Seminar for Divorcing Parents

Ninth Judicial Administrative District Office of Dispute Resolution www.adr9.com
(770) 535-6909

5 Hour Co-Parenting Course for Parents: (Self Study Course includes 5 CDs)

The Institute for Co-Parenting Resolution www.georgiachildcustody.com
(770) 534-5262

Detailed information on each of these seminars may be found at the websites listed with each listing above.

A service of equal value may be substituted for these Seminars if written verification satisfactory to the court is provided to the court by the service provider verifying attendance and the issues addressed through professional or pastoral counseling, or other similar educational program. Parties may substitute any four (4) hour Superior Court approved parenting seminar in the State of Georgia. A certificate of attendance is valid for three (3) years.

Parties must attend the entire seminar in order to receive credit for attendance. Upon successful completion of the seminar, the parties will be awarded a certificate of attendance to file with the Clerk of Superior Court.

A deputy of the Sheriff's Department in the county in which the seminar is held will provide security at each seminar immediately prior to, during and immediately after each session administered by the Office of Dispute Resolution. Parties choosing to attend "The Seminar for Divorcing Parents" who are unable to afford the Seminar fee may apply to the Office of Dispute Resolution for fee reductions. The fee **may** be waived if it appears, upon investigation, that the party meets the court's guidelines for indigence.

For good cause shown, the assigned judge may excuse a party from completing the Seminar in individual cases. Requests for excusals stating the reasons must be in writing, filed with a copy delivered to the judge's office within 10 days of the filing of the complaint in the case, or within 10 days of the date of service of the complaint on the defendant, whichever is later. Upon failure to complete the seminar as ordered, the assigned judge may take appropriate action, including holding the non-complying party in contempt.