

2013 Class Schedule

WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 9, 2013	9:00AM – NOON
TUESDAY	JANUARY 22, 2013	5:00PM – 8:00PM
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 13, 2013	9:00AM – NOON
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 26, 2013	5:00PM – 8:00PM
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 13, 2013	9:00AM – NOON
TUESDAY	MARCH 26, 2013	5:00PM – 8:00PM
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 10, 2013	9:00AM – NOON
TUESDAY	APRIL 23, 2013	5:00PM – 8:00PM
WEDNESDAY	MAY 8, 2013	9:00AM – NOON
TUESDAY	MAY 28, 2013	5:00PM – 8:00PM
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 12, 2013	9:00AM – NOON
TUESDAY	JUNE 25, 2013	5:00PM – 8:00PM
WEDNESDAY	JULY 10, 2013	9:00AM – NOON
TUESDAY	JULY 23, 2013	5:00PM – 8:00PM
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 14, 2013	9:00AM – NOON
TUESDAY	AUGUST 20, 2013	5:00PM – 8:00PM
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 11, 2013	9:00AM – NOON
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 24, 2013	5:00PM – 8:00PM
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 9, 2013	9:00AM – NOON
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 22, 2013	5:00PM – 8:00PM
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 13, 2013	9:00AM – NOON
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 19, 2013	5:00PM – 8:00PM
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 11, 2013	9:00AM – NOON

New Beginnings is an intensive three hour program that parents attend on a one-time basis.

Class fees are included in the filing fees; there are no additional costs.

Parents are required to take a morning or evening out of their hectic day to focus on this significant change in their lives as well as their children's lives.

Social work professionals with expertise in divorce issues will present the program.

The following areas will be explored:

- The effects of divorce for Adults
- The effects of divorce for Children
- How children typically respond to Divorce
- How to recognize the signs that your child is having difficulty
- The co-parenting relationship
- Visitation Issues
- Orientation to Mediation

Material will be reviewed through oral presentation, handouts and the use of videos.

DUE TO LIMITED SEATING Children, Friends, Family Members, etc. ARE NOT permitted to attend this class with you.

New Beginnings



**Co-Parenting:
Getting Past The Conflict
Helping Your Children Survive Divorce**

Parent Education Class For Families In Transition

Family Court Services
Ashtabula County
Common Pleas Court
25 West Jefferson Street
Jefferson, Ohio 44047
(440) 576-3227

New Beginnings *Parent Education Class*

is a mandatory program for divorcing parents in Ashtabula County.

The program is designed to educate divorcing parents about the effects of divorce and parental conflict on their children.

New Beginnings was a vision, developed through the initiative and cooperation of the Ashtabula County Common Pleas Judges:

The Honorable Ronald W. Vettel,
The Honorable Alfred W. Mackey
And The Honorable Gary L. Yost;

as well as the

Ashtabula Bar Association
Family Law Committee
And Family Court Services.

Call: (440) 576-3227 to register

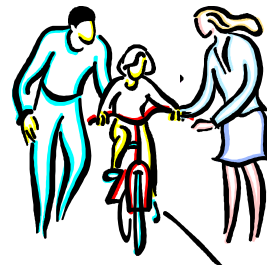
PHILOSOPHY

Divorce is recognized as a difficult and stressful time with many challenges for parents. It is sometimes difficult for divorcing parents to understand what their children are experiencing because of their own stress and emotional turmoil they are dealing with themselves.

When parents divorce, children can experience a great deal of pain, agony and confusion.

The inevitable restructuring of the family that follows a divorce often adds to a child's adjustment difficulties.

The reduction of conflict between parents benefits the children both emotionally and psychologically and can lessen the long-term, negative effects of divorce.



Marriage



Break-Up



Co-Parenting

GOALS

It is hoped that **New Beginnings** will assist parents in developing a cooperative co-parenting relationship after their divorce.

The program will provide parents with information to help their children cope with divorce, strengthen the parent/child relationships, and improve communication skills. Information will be provided to help parents better understand their children's needs at different developmental stages and ages.

New Beginnings will empower parents with information and resource options to help them remain more independent of the Court in making decisions regarding their children.

The program encourages the use of mediation, counseling and other services as alternatives to litigation.