

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**JUDICIAL BRANCH**  
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**CHILD IMPACT PROGRAM NOTICE**

All parties involved in a divorce, or actions involving parental rights and responsibilities and child support are required by law to attend a CHILD IMPACT PROGRAM. This is a four-hour informational seminar on how to help children deal with issues surrounding divorce, separation and parental rights and responsibilities. The seminar provides strategies, ideas and tools for helping children. Unless the seminar provider has a different policy, parents may attend the course separately or together.

Both parties must complete the seminar within 45 days of the date the respondent was served with the petition. Seminar registration is expected PRIOR TO the First Appearance court session. After you attend the seminar, a certificate of completion will be forwarded to the court by the provider.

Failure to attend the seminar will result in appropriate sanctions being ordered by the court, which may include being held in contempt of court and sentenced to jail or payment of a fine or both.

If you need additional time to complete the seminar, you must file a motion with the court, requesting the additional time. These motion forms are available at the court.

The court may exempt you from attendance at the seminar if:

- You are incarcerated;
- You have previously attended the seminar;
- The Bureau of Child Support Services has brought an action to enforce or modify an existing order; or
- Exceptional circumstances exist which indicate good cause for the court to grant an exception.

If you think you should be exempted, you must file a motion with the court requesting the exemption. These motion forms are available at the court. In the case of domestic violence, if there has been no exemption granted by the court, the parties should attend separate seminars.

The fee for the seminar is \$85.00 per person and must be paid to the seminar provider in advance. If you are unable to afford the seminar fee, contact the seminar provider.

The seminar is offered at different locations and times. PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE SEMINAR PROVIDERS LISTED ON THE NEXT PAGE/REVERSE SIDE IMMEDIATELY FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR A SEMINAR.

**PROGRAM PROVIDERS**

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BELKNAP	Laconia	524-1100	Lakes Region Mental Health Center
CARROLL	Wolfeboro	569-1884	Northern Human Services
CHESHIRE	Keene	357-4400	Monadnock Family Services
COOS	Groveton	636-2555	Northern Human Services
GRAFTON	Lebanon	448-0126	West Central Behavioral Health
	Littleton	444-5358	Northern Human Services
	Plymouth	524-1100	Lakes Region Mental Health Center
HILLSBOROUGH	Manchester	628-7787	Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester
	Nashua	889-6147 x3210	Greater Nashua Mental Health Center
MERRIMACK	Concord	226-7505 x4039	Riverbend Community Mental Health
ROCKINGHAM	Derry	965-0601	Center for Life Management
	Exeter	431-6703	Seacoast Mental Health Center
	Portsmouth	431-6703	Seacoast Mental Health Center
STRAFFORD	Rochester	516-9624	Community Partners
SULLIVAN	Claremont	448-0126	West Central Behavioral Health
	Newport	448-0126	West Central Behavioral Health

PLEASE NOTE: Seminar sessions are provided in a variety of cities, and you may sign up for any seminar regardless of county. Please contact one of the providers above for information on locations and to register for the seminar PRIOR TO the First Appearance court session.

Visit the website at [www.nhcbha.org/cf/childrenfirst.cfm](http://www.nhcbha.org/cf/childrenfirst.cfm) for more information on the program and for schedules in the different locations.