

Parent Information

Parents Helping Children

The Parent Information Program assists parents

involved in a proceeding before the

Supreme Court (Family Division)

to support their children during the

process and to identify and practice

ways to keep children from getting

caught in the middle of the conflict.

Goals

The goals of the Parent Information

Program are:

- To increase parents' awareness of the impact of parental conflict on children;
- To improve communication between parents about their children's needs; and
- To provide new ways to avoid placing children in the middle of issues between their parents.

When and Where

Sessions will take place on scheduled weekdays, evenings and Saturday mornings, at the Family Division locations, in Halifax, Sydney and Port Hawkesbury. Once referred by a court officer, each parent is required to attend parent information sessions. A court staff member will inform parents of the date and time of the sessions they must attend. Every attempt will be made to accommodate work and family commitments. For more information on the Program call 424-3990.



Common Questions

Will my ex-partner be in the same session as me?

No. The sessions are scheduled to ensure that you will not attend the same session as your ex-partner. They will be required to attend a session on another date.

Do I have to attend the session?

Yes, the sessions are mandatory if you have been referred by a court officer. Failure to attend will be noted in the court file and may affect your ability to get a court date for a hearing or trial, or the judge may ask you why you did not attend.

What will happen at the session?

You will receive information about options for resolving disputes, the effects of parental conflict on a child, as well as discuss child's experience of separation and divorce, learn techniques for dealing with conflict situations and ways to avoid placing your child in the middle.

Do I bring my child to the session?

No.

If an emergency arises and I can't attend the session, who should I contact?

Call the Family Division immediately and inform the court officer who referred you to Parent Information of the situation.

Can a friend or family member come to the session with me?

No. The session is to help you and your former partner with the issues that you are facing.

Will I be asked for personal information about my situation?

No. You will not have to talk about your situation. The sessions will focus on videos and handouts. You will have an opportunity to ask questions.

