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IN THE 66TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OF HILL COUNTY, TEXAS

LOCAL RULES ORDER

WHEREAS, on October 9, 1995, this Court entered an Order requiring parties involved in divorce actions or motions to modify affecting children to attend a parent education course;

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Texas has enacted an amendment to Section 1, Chapter 105 of the Family Code effective September 1, 1999 relating to a court ordering parties to attend a parent education and family stabilization course if the court determines the order is in the best interest of a child, such amendment providing for the length and subjects to be taught in such course;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Section 105.009 of the Texas Family Code, it is hereby ORDERED:

- (a) In a suit affecting the parent-child relationship, including an action to modify an order in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship providing for possession of or access to a child, all parties shall attend the program entitled "Children In Between" which is described on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes, or a like parent education and family stabilization course that complies with Section 105.009(c) Texas Family Code. Parties may not substitute an on-line, video or other non-live course without motion and order of the court.
- (b) The "Children In Between" course or other like parent education and family stabilization course referred to above shall be attended by the parties within sixty (60) days of the service of the Original Petition upon any Respondent in the case.
- (c) Within sixty-five (65) days of service of the Original Petition upon any Respondent, each party to the case shall file a Certificate of Completion of the parent education and family stabilization course as provided hereinabove.
- (d) Upon a party's failure to attend the parent education and family stabilization course and/or failure to file a copy of the certificate of completion of such course pursuant to this Order, the Judge may take appropriate action, including, but not limited to, actions for contempt or postponement of the final hearing and/or delay in entry of the Final Decree.
- (e) For good cause shown, the Judge may waive the attendance requirement in individual cases.
- (f) All matters discussed at the parent education and family stabilization course shall be confidential.

SIGNED this 3rd day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

Justin W. Lewis, Judge
66th Judicial District Court, Hill County, Texas

Matt Crain, Judge
County Court at Law, Hill County, Texas

Shane Brassell, Judge
County Court, Hill County, Texas

“CHILDREN IN BETWEEN”

As Presented by the Hill County Bar Association



AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR DIVORCING PARENTS

As Required by the 66th District Court of Hill County, Texas

SOMETHING FOR THE CHILDREN

The Hill County Bar Association sponsors this program pursuant to a court order requiring attendance of both parties to divorce and modification cases involving minor children. Both parties **MUST ATTEND THE SEMINAR WITHIN 60 DAYS** of service of the original petition or motion. The program is designed to help parents keep the best interests of their children at heart through the trying times of a lawsuit.

THE PROGRAM

This program is presented by a qualified counselor who will help deal with recurring problems experienced by families in stressful situations brought on by the court process. Examples of how to deal with these problems (and how not to) will be given. Also, interaction by and among the participants is encouraged. Parents will receive a handbook to take home for future reference.

WHERE AND WHEN

The program is offered on the **SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH 8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.** at the Hill County Courthouse Annex at 126 S. Covington Street, Hillsboro, Texas.

The program will **BEGIN ON TIME**. Please arrive early to register and receive credit for attendance. Credit will not be given for late arrivals. You will receive a certificate of completion which must be filed with the District Clerk. Child care will not be provided so **PLEASE DO NOT BRING CHILDREN**.

PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is required. Send a check or money order payable to the Hill County Bar Association in the amount of \$50.00. To be eligible for attendance, full payment and the completed registration form below must be received no later than the 3rd day of the month of your attendance. If you are unable to afford the program, you may obtain a fee waiver from the District Judge. The waiver or full payment must accompany the registration form. If you need a Spanish interpreter, please indicate on the form.

CANCELLATION

If there are not enough people pre-registered for a scheduled program, it will be cancelled. It is necessary that you include home and work telephone numbers on the registration form so you may be notified of a cancellation. Failure to provide adequate means to contact you could result in you not receiving notification of the cancellation. If the program you register for is cancelled, your registration fee will be refunded, or may be applied to a future program if you wish.

You will **not** receive any form of confirmation of your registration, please attend the class you have registered for; however, if you cannot attend that class, your form and/or waiver will be held for the next available class. If you have any questions, you may call (254) 582-2536.

**MAIL THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM
BELOW ALONG WITH YOUR \$50.00 FEE OR WAIVER TO:**

**Hill County Bar Association
P. O. Box 352
Hillsboro, Texas 76645**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name as it appears in court papers: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Other Contact: _____

_____ \$50 fee enclosed _____ Waiver enclosed

_____ I prefer not to attend the same program as my spouse/former spouse. Please notify me if _____ is registered for the same time.

_____ I need a Spanish Interpreter.

Month requested: _____

Signature

