

**LINN COUNTY
CLASS FOR DIVORCING AND SEPARATING PARENTS
with MEDIATION EDUCATION CLASS**

1. Divorcing and Separating Parents' Class with Mediation Education Class

- A. **Who is required to attend:** You are required to attend this class if you have one or more minor children (under 18) involved in your legal case. You can attend the class separately.
- B. **What:** This class will inform you about a) the needs of children of separated parents at different ages; b) parenting skills for divorced or separated parents; c) the financial responsibilities of parents following divorce; and d) will help you prepare for mediation.
- C. **Time:** This is a 4 or 4 1/2 hour class *which includes the Mediation Education Class*.
- D. **When:** You are required to attend this class within 45 days of the date the petition was filed. This class is held various times including Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- E. **Where:** Anamosa, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, North Liberty, Tama, Vinton, Williamsburg, Marion: You only attend ONE class. See the Class Locations and Schedule below. The Divorcing and Separating Parents' Class and the Mediation Education Class are held in one session, for your convenience.
- F. **Cost:** \$60 per person, payment is due just before the class starts. One fee covers both classes. Plan to arrive 15 minutes early so you can pay before the class starts.
- F. **How to Register:** Look at the schedule below and decide which time and location works best for you. **To register:** GO ONLINE or call the number listed underneath the day of the class. Leave a voice message with the information they ask for. NOTE: Some agencies will NOT call you back to confirm.

CLASS LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE:

<p>Cedar Rapids: <u>St. Luke's Hospital, Resource Center</u> 225 12th St. NE, First floor, Formal Lounge <i>1st Tuesday of month, 5:30 – 10 p.m.</i> <i>3rd Tuesday of month, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</i> To register call: 319-369-8109</p> <p><u>Four Oaks</u> 5400 Kirkwood Blvd. SW, www.family-development.org <i>2nd Saturday of month, 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.</i> <i>4th Wednesday of month, 5:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.</i> To register or for financial aid call: 1-800-261-5097 or go online to www.family-development.org</p>	<p>Iowa City: <u>Youth Homes</u>, www.family-development.org 1916 Waterfront Dr. <i>2nd Wednesday of month, 5-9:30 p.m.</i> <i>4th Thursday of month, 9a.m. – 1:30 p.m.</i> To register or for financial aid call: 1-800-261-5097 or go online to www.family-development.org</p>
<p>Anamosa: <u>Lawrence Community Center</u> 600 E. Main Street <i>2nd Thursday of month, 4:30-8:30 p.m.</i> To register or for financial aid call: 1-877-665-2120 or go online to www.parenting-solutions.org</p>	<p>Vinton: <u>Virginia Gay Hospital</u>, www.family-development.org 502 N. 9th Ave. <i>4th Wednesday of month, 9a.m. – 1:30 p.m.</i> To register or for financial aid call: 1-800-261-5097 or go online to www.family-development.org</p>
<p>Williamsburg: <u>Williamsburg Jr./Sr. High School</u> 810 Walnut St. <i>3rd Tuesday of month, 5-9:00 p.m.</i> To register or for financial aid call: 1-877-665-2120 or go online to www.parenting-solutions.org</p>	<p>North Liberty: <u>North Liberty Community Center</u> 520 W. Cherry St., <i>1st Wednesday of month, 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m.</i> <i>3rd Saturday of month, 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</i> To register or for financial aid call:1-877-665-2120 or go online to www.parenting-solutions.org</p>
<p>Marion: <u>Marion High School</u> 675 S. 15th St. <i>Second Monday of month, 5 – 9 p.m.</i> To register or for financial aid call: 1-877-665-2120 or go online to www.parenting-solutions.org</p>	

Financial Aid: If you need financial aid for these classes, please call the presenting organization before attending the class. Leave your name and number and ask them to call you back with information about how to apply for financial aid.

CLASS FOR CHILDREN: All children of divorcing parents who are between the ages of 6 years and 16 years shall attend a 2.5 hour educational workshop presented by the Kids First Law Center. The parents shall call the Kids First Law Center at (319) 365-5437 within two weeks of the date of this Order to schedule this class. Attendance at this class shall be completed within 45 days of the date of this Order.

For more information on mediation go to: mediateiowa.org or call 319-248-1940. This number is not for class registration.