

IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IOWA

DESIGNATION OF ONLINE)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
CHILDREN IN THE MIDDLE)	No. 2020-08
CLASSES)	

It has long been the policy of the 7th Judicial District not to allow online parenting classes (commonly known as “Children in the Middle”) in family law cases involving children. In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Iowa Supreme Court issued a Supervisory Order dated March 17, 2020 that authorized district courts to approve the use of online parenting classes for purposes of complying with Iowa Code Chapter 598.15. The 7th Judicial District has researched various online programs and finds the ones listed below satisfy the requirements of Iowa Code Chapter 598.15.

Accordingly, while this Supervisory Order remains in effect, parties may utilize the following online parenting classes in order to comply with this statutory requirement without prior court approval:

Online Parenting Programs (Nationwide) - <https://www.onlineparentingprograms.com/iowa-parenting-programs.html>; \$49.99 for a 4-hour course.

ParentingChoice.com (Nationwide) – <https://www.parentingchoice.com/landing/IA/>; \$39.99 for 4 hour course.

Parenting Class Online (Nationwide) – <https://www.parentingclassonline.net/parenting-class-iowa.html>; \$29.95 for 4 hour course.

The Clerk’s office shall file the original of this Supervisory Order in the Scott County Clerk’s office and provide a copy to all County Clerks in the 7th Judicial District.

A copy of this Supervisory Order shall be provided to all cases in which Iowa Code Chapter 598.15 would apply and which are opened from this date until this Supervisory Order is rescinded and no longer in effect.

Dated: March 26, 2020.

THOMAS G. REIDEL
ACTING CHIEF JUDGE

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