

TRANSITIONAL PARENTING SEMINAR

A Seminar for Parents in Litigation with Issues involving Minor Children

Making changes in your family through the court system can be a very stressful experience, especially for children. Required by the Superior Court of Chatham County, this four-hour educational program focuses on the unique needs of children during this time of change. Trained presenters with experience working with families in divorce will help parents learn to recognize the typical reactions of children and to develop skills to help children cope with their emotions.

Monthly Schedule:

Morning	4 th Saturday	9:00 am-1:00 pm
Afternoon	3 rd Wednesday	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location:

**The Mediation Center
5105 Paulsen Street, Suite 125D
Savannah, Georgia 31405
(at the corner of 68th Street and Paulsen Street)
(912) 354-6686**

Registration and Attendance:

Register by mail or on-line prior to the seminar date you choose: ***mediationsavannah.com***

Please arrive 15 minutes before the seminar is scheduled to begin. The program will begin promptly. Participants who arrive late will not be allowed to attend. Individuals who leave early or do not satisfactorily participate will not be given credit. Upon completion, a Certificate will be given to the participant and the original will be forwarded to the Superior Court Administrator's Office to verify attendance. There will be a \$10.00 charge for replacement certificates. ***Childcare is not provided and children cannot attend sessions.***

Fees:

The fee for the program is \$45.00 Cash, Money Order, Credit or Debit Card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover only). Payment is due prior to admission to class. The fee may be waived if the party qualifies for a waiver or reduction of the mediation fee as determined by the Chatham County Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution. Waiver from the mediation and seminar fee can be requested by completing the Request for Fee Waiver or Fee Reduction form which is available as follows:

Chatham County Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution [ADR]
133 Montgomery Street Room 426
Savannah, GA 31401
Phone: (912) 652-7519 Fax: (912) 652-7591

Fee Waiver Form is also available at **<http://adr.chathamcounty.org/>** under Forms and at ***mediationsavannah.com*** under Forms. A copy of the letter from the Chatham County Office of ADR granting a waiver or reduction must be provided to the Mediation Center before attendance will be allowed without paying the fee.

Exemptions from Seminar:

A party may be exempt from the Seminar if:

- the party resides more than 50 miles from Savannah
- has already attended this or a similar program
- The youngest child of the parties is within six months of his or her eighteenth birthday
- The party is incarcerated throughout the period of time the action is pending [upon release, the party is required to attend the seminar if the action is still pending].

Documentation supporting the grounds for exemption must be provided to the Court and to the Mediation Center. Upon receipt of written documentation of the grounds for exemption, the Mediation will evaluate the grounds and documentation and issue a Certificate of Exemption stating the reasons for the exemption. The party will be responsible for paying to the Mediation Center a \$20.00 evaluation fee for the exemption and the Certificate. The party will be responsible for presenting the Certificate of Exemption to the Court.

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Registration Form
[please write clearly]

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE & CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER _____

COUNTY FILED IN _____

Please check the date you will attend:

_____ 4th Saturday 9:00 am-1:00 pm Month _____

_____ 3rd Wednesday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Month _____

Place an "X" by your choice(s):

_____ \$45.00 Fee attached [make money order or cashier's check payable to the Mediation Center].

_____ I will pay on the date of the Seminar.
Cash, Money Order, Credit or Debit Card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover only)

_____ I have applied for a Fee Waiver through the Chatham County Office of ADR [652-7519]. I understand that I must present a copy of the letter from the ADR Office granting a waiver or reduction before I can attend the seminar without paying the fee.

_____ I prefer NOT to attend the Seminar with my co-parent.
Name of Co-Parent: _____

Complete this Registration form and return it to:

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(912) 354-8690 [fax]
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Website: mediationsavannah.com