

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
JUDICIAL BRANCH
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NOTICE TO PARENTS - CHILD IMPACT PROGRAM

All parents of minor children involved in a divorce/parenting case are required by law to take a four-hour Child Impact Program (CIP) within 45 days of the petition being served on the respondent (RSA 458-D). This is a course on how to help children deal with the issues surrounding divorce, separation, and the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities.

Program registration is expected PRIOR TO the First Appearance court session. After you attend the program, a certificate of completion will be forwarded to the court by the provider.

NOTE: Failure to attend the Child Impact Program may result in a delay in your case as well as sanctions being ordered by the court, which may include being held in contempt of court.

The court may exempt you from attendance at the program if:

- You are incarcerated;
- You have previously attended the program;
- The Bureau of Child Support Services has brought an action to enforce or modify an existing order; or
- Exceptional circumstances exist which indicate good cause for the court to grant an exemption.

If you think you should be exempted, you must file a motion with the court requesting exemption. Motion forms are available at the court and online. In the case of domestic violence, if there has been no exemption granted by the court, the parties should attend separate programs.

The fee for the program is \$85.00 per person and must be paid to the program provider in advance. If you are unable to afford the program fee, you may contact the program provider to see if you qualify for a fee reduction.

You may attend live web-based classes by any provider listed below, even if you do not live in their area. Also, if you would prefer to attend in person, Lakes Region Mental Health Center is offering in person classes. Please visit <https://www.courts.nh.gov/our-courts/circuit-court/family-division/child-impact-seminar>. This information will be continually updated as the web-based video options expand. You can also follow the QR code below.

Registration can be done online or by phone.



PROGRAM PROVIDERS

<u>Area</u>	<u>Center Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Claremont	West Central Behavioral Health	603-448-0126
Concord	Riverbend Community Mental Health	603-226-7505 x4039
Derry	Center for Life Management	603-965-0601
Exeter	Seacoast Mental Health	603-431-6703
Groveton	Northern Human Services	603-636-2555
Keene	Monadnock Family Services	603-357-4400
*Laconia	Lakes Region Mental Health Center	603-524-1100
Lebanon	West Central Behavioral Health	603-448-0126
Littleton	Northern Human Services	603-444-5358
Manchester	Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester	603-854-8383
**Nashua	Greater Nashua Mental Health Center	603-889-6147 x3210
Newport	West Central Behavioral Health	603-448-0126
*Plymouth	Lakes Region Mental Health Center	603-536-1118
Portsmouth	Seacoast Mental Health	603-431-6703
Rochester	Community Partners	603-516-9624
Wolfeboro	Northern Human Services	603-569-1884

* These locations provide in person classes.

** Location offers bilingual classes.