

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.

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

Please go to www.courts.nh.gov and navigate to the Divorce/Parenting page. There you will find a link to the First Appearance video; please watch this video before your session. You can also follow the QR code below.

NOTE: Failure to attend the seminar will result in appropriate sanctions being ordered by the court, which may include being held in contempt of court and sentenced to jail or payment of a fine or both.

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

- You are incarcerated;
- You have previously attended the seminar;
- 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 exception.

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 seminars.

The fee for the seminar is \$85.00 per person and must be paid to the seminar provider in advance. If you are unable to afford the seminar fee, contact the seminar provider.

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://cip.nhcbha.org/ChildrenFirst.cfm> and click on Registration Information at the bottom of the page to find a class to attend. This information will be continually updated as the web-based video options expand.

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