

# TRANSPARENTING SEMINAR

*(Divorcing Parents Seminar)*

This form must be completed and presented at the Office of Receiver and Jury Management along with your \$35.00 registration fee. The Office of Receiver and Jury Management is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor in the Floyd County Courthouse Judicial Center, 3 Government Plaza, Suite 100, Rome, Georgia.

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION**

Your Name (as it appears on court documents) \_\_\_\_\_

If the case is filed in Floyd County,

Floyd County Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

or

Name of County where case is filed if not filed in Floyd County \_\_\_\_\_



## A History of the Floyd County Program

In 1991 the Floyd Superior Court began offering the seminar to address the dynamics of the effects of divorce on children and to assist parents in helping their children cope with the divorce. Since then, more than 8,000 parents have attended our sessions, and despite the program's mandatory attendance policy, over 90% of parents attending have rated the program as helpful. As a result, many divorces have become less traumatic, with parents electing to use negotiation over confrontation.

### TRANSPARENTING<sup>SM</sup>

- IS a four (4) hour class designed to help parents become more aware of the effects of the divorce process on children.
- IS mandatory for all parties where minor children are involved in cases of divorce, separate maintenance, legitimation, and by specific order of the court. Exceptions may be granted where similar counseling or therapy is provided by a third party.
- IS NOT a counseling, therapy or grievance session. Referral information on local resources will be available for those having those needs.
- IS utilized in almost every county in Georgia and 38 other states.
- IS conducted by local practicing therapists and counselors who have received specialized training involving children and the process of divorce.
- IS offered twice per month as either an evening or morning class to attend.

## 2013 Schedule

### Friday Evening Classes

5:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

January 11	July 19
February 8	August 16
March 8	September 13
April 5	October 11
May 3	November 8
June 14	December 6

### Saturday Morning Classes

9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

January 12	July 20
February 9	August 17
March 9	September 14
April 6	October 12
May 4	November 9
June 15	December 7

Classes are held in the Floyd County Administration Building at 12 E. 4th Avenue in the 2nd Floor Community Room. Enter at the 4th Avenue building entrance and take the elevator to the 2nd floor and look for the signs directing you to the seminar.

- Advance registration is required.
- Certificates of attendance are distributed at the end of each class for those who pre-registered and pre-paid.
- Child Care is not provided

## Registration

Fill out the registration form below and mail it, along with the \$35.00 fee to: **Superior Court Receiver's Office, P.O. Box 196, Rome, GA 30162-6193.** Only local checks or money orders can be accepted as payment when mailed. You may also register in person at the Clerk of Court's Office in the Courthouse on the main floor.

\_\_Plaintiff

\_\_Defendant

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Case #:\_\_\_\_\_

Attorney:\_\_\_\_\_

Which class? \_\_\_\_\_

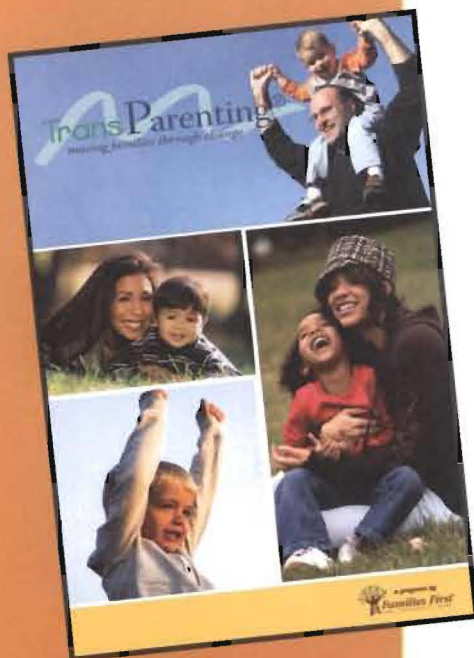
Spouse's Name:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_I do not want to attend the same session as my spouse. If checked, your phone number:

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**TRANSPARENTING<sup>SM</sup>** is a family support program sponsored by the Floyd County Superior Court and the Rome Exchange Club's Family Resource Center.

For further information about the class, contact:  
Superior Court Administrator's Office  
(706) 291-5162



# TransParenting®

moving families through change

TRANSPARENTING® is an educational program designed to teach effective parenting during the transitions of divorce or parental separation. It impresses upon parents the critical role they play in their child's ability to adjust to changes surrounding divorce.

The seminar emphasizes each parent's responsibility to provide a *nurturing*, non-threatening environment for the child.

*Topics include:*

- ◆ Feelings associated with divorce
- ◆ Ways that children of different ages react during transition
- ◆ A parenting approach that will benefit your children
- ◆ Suggested ways for talking to children about divorce
- ◆ Other adjustments children will need to make

The course is taught by licensed professionals who have experience with children and who have been specially trained to teach this course. This is an educational program and not a counseling session. Parents will not be expected to discuss personal problems.

## Program Highlights ...

- ◆ One million parents have successfully completed the program over the last decade.
- ◆ TRANSPARENTING® is a national program operating in 40 states and 200 jurisdictions.
- ◆ Ninety six percent of family court judges surveyed state that the program "serves to lessen the negative efforts of divorce on children". (Journal of Divorce and Remarriage. 1997)
- ◆ *The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges* awarded the originating program the "Unique and Innovative Project Award".
- ◆ Exit interviews consistently show high ratings. Despite being mandated to attend and paying a fee, more than 94% of parents say the program is "helpful" or "extremely helpful". 98% would recommend the program to others.



## Who Can Benefit from TransParenting®?

- Divorcing parents
- Never married parents
- Previously divorced parents who are changing custody or visitation agreements
- Custodial grandparents
- Concerned family members
- Educators, Social Workers, Therapists, Clergy and School Counselors

## Children's Rights during divorce and separation

*"I have the right ..."*

- To be told that my mother and my father will always love me.
- To be told that the family break up is not my fault.
- To be seen as a human being not a piece of property to be fought for or bargained over.
- To have decisions about me based on what is in my best interest and not on my parents' hurt feelings or needs.
- To love both my father and mother without being forced to choose or feel guilty.
- To know both my mother and father through regular and frequent involvement in my life.
- To have the financial support of both my mother and father.
- To be a child and not asked to lie, spy or send messages between my parents.
- To be allowed to have affection for new people who come into my life without feeling guilty or being pressured.



TRANSPARENTING® was developed by *Families First, Inc.*, a premier non profit organization providing critical, prevenative services to strengthen and preserve families for more than 100 years.