

NORTH CAROLINA
14th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DURHAM COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO. _____ -CVD- _____

_____	Plaintiff(s),
v.	
_____	Defendant(s),

NOTICE TO ATTEND
Orientation & Parenting Apart Class
(for Spanish-speaking parties only)

(A copy of this form MUST be sent by the Moving Party to the Responding Party and shall operate as both Parties' Notice to Attend)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §50-13.1 and Chapter 237, Section 17.16 of the 1999 Session Laws, the child custody and/or visitation issues in the above captioned case have been referred to a mandatory parenting education class and mandatory participation in the Custody Mediation Program.

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED TO COMPLETE a group "Orientation & Parenting Apart Class". Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, THIS ORIENTATION/CLASS IS BEING OFFERED ONLINE (NOT IN-PERSON) **FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING PARTIES** AT THIS TIME.

Complete the following THREE (3) tasks on or before: Thursday, _____ :

1. Watch the Orientation presentation/video (in Spanish) at:
<https://survey.nccourts.org/1516638567>

Note: At the end of the video you will see a small box in the lower left corner that says "Continue". You **must** click on that box in order to access the page that allows you to enter your information. Doing so generates an email that confirms you completed the online orientation. *This proof is important.*

2. Watch the Parenting Apart Class video ("The Most Important Job") (in Spanish) at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYoglgEqtNs&feature=youtu.be>
3. Complete the Custody Mediation Intake **Form# AOC-A-208**, in Spanish or English. This form can be found at: www.nccourts.gov If you need help finding the form, email us at: D14.CustodyMediation@nccourts.org and we will email it to you. In your email, please also provide your name and phone number.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE ORIENTATION/CLASS REQUIREMENT may result in the contempt powers of the Court, including SANCTIONS and/or FINES. For more information, please contact the Mediation Office at (919) 808-3025 or the Access and Visitation Program at (919) 808-3225.

The Child Custody & Visitation Mediation Program: Goals, Benefits and Information

Why am I receiving this notice? Your domestic case has been referred to our mandatory Custody Mediation Program. Enclosed is your Notice to Attend Orientation and Parenting Apart Class. Please contact the Mediation Office as instructed on Page 1 of this Notice.

What happens at the Orientation/Class? The Orientation & Parenting Apart Class is typically held in a group setting but is being offered online due to the COVID-19 mitigation efforts. You will receive information about the custody mediation process and about the impact of parental conflict on children. The Orientation/Class will last TWO HOURS.

What happens after the Orientation/Class? After all parties complete the group Orientation/Class, you will receive a mandatory private Mediation Session date. The private Mediation Sessions are presently being held by video conference, until further notice, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

What is the purpose of Mediation? Mediation is a practical way for you to resolve the custody and/or visitation matter(s) quickly and at no cost. You and the other party/parent will have the opportunity to create a workable parenting plan with the assistance of a neutral, professional mediator. The goal is to bring parties together regarding the best interests of the child(ren) and avoid having such decisions made by a judge. Agreements reached in mediation become a binding and enforceable Order of the Court once signed by the Presiding District Court Judge.

Am I required to attend? Yes, your completion of the Orientation/Class is required. Please contact the Mediation Office as needed for further information about the requirement.

What if I received the Notice to Attend after the scheduled date? Please contact the Mediation Office at (919) 808-3025 right away to reschedule for the next available date.

What if I have safety concerns or an order of protection? Please contact either (919) 808-3025 or (919) 808-3225 to discuss safety concerns and/or protective orders as they relate to mediation. If you have concerns about your physical safety within the building, you may arrange an escort with the Durham County Sheriff deputies in the lobby. If there is an existing Protective Order, please bring an extra copy to the Orientation/Class. NOTE: at the time of issuing this Notice, sessions are not occurring in-person within the courthouse.

Is the mediation requirement ever waived? Mediation may not be appropriate in all cases and is occasionally waived by a judge. If you wish to seek a waiver, you may choose to file a Motion and Order to Waive Custody Mediation (FORM AOC-CV-632), which can be found at www.nccourts.gov or obtained in the Family Court Suite (Suite 6500).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of this Notice has been served in the following manner:

- by hand delivery to:
- by depositing a copy thereof in the United States mail in a properly addressed, postpaid envelope to:

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

AND, a copy of this document has been provided to FAMILY COURT, 14th Judicial District, Suite 6500, 6th Floor, Durham County Courthouse, 510 South Dillard Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701.

This is the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature (Moving Party, Case Coordinator or Mediator)