

NORTH CAROLINA  
14<sup>th</sup> 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  
(SPANISH self-directed version)**

(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** an online, self-directed Spanish-language "Orientation & Parenting Apart Class". Plan for up to 2 hours to complete.

Complete the following tasks by: Thursday, \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Watch the ORIENTATION presentation/video (in Spanish) at:**

<https://www.nccourts.gov/form/orientacion-sobre-la-mediacion>

**NOTE:** At the end of the video, you must click the blue button that says:

**"Next: Complete the Form"** in the lower left corner to enter required information. After doing so, you and the Custody Mediation Program will receive a verification email to serve as proof that you completed this requirement. **This is important.**

**2. Complete the PARENTING APART CLASS (in Spanish) at:**

<https://www.nccourts.gov/form/educacion-para-padres>

**NOTE:** after completing all tasks at the above Parenting Apart Class link, a verification email will be sent to you and the Family Court office to serve as proof that you completed this requirement.

**3. Complete and Return the CUSTODY MEDIATION INTAKE FORM:**

To find the form, go to: [www.nccourts.gov/documents/forms](http://www.nccourts.gov/documents/forms) and

Search for Form "AOC-A-208". If you cannot find the form, email us and we will assist.

When you have completed the intake form, email it to: [D14.CustodyMediation@nccourts.org](mailto:D14.CustodyMediation@nccourts.org)

OR fax it to: 919-808-3045. The form is available in Spanish and English.

**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.

**Why am I receiving this notice?** Your case has custody or visitation issues pending before the Court, which requires participation in our mandatory Custody Mediation Program.

**What happens during the Orientation/Class?** Parties receive information about custody mediation and the impact of parental conflict on children. The Orientation/Class will take up to TWO HOURS to complete. The Orientation/Class is typically held in a group setting but is offered to Spanish-speaking parties in a self-directed format. If you are fluent in both languages and wish to attend the live online English version instead of the Spanish self-directed version, please contact (919) 808-3025.

**What happens after the Orientation/Class?** A mandatory private Mediation Session occurs after all parties complete Orientation/Class. Private Mediation Sessions are being held by video conference until further notice.

**What is the purpose of Mediation?** Mediation is a practical way to resolve custody and/or visitation matter(s) quickly and at no cost. Parties have an 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 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.

**What if I received this Notice the completion deadline/date?** Please complete the tasks as noticed here, even if you receive the notice after the deadline and/or contact the Mediation Office at (919) 808-3025.

**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 there is an existing Protective Order, please indicate this on your Mediation Intake Form and/or contact the Custody Mediation Office. Some cases may qualify for a waiver of mediation.

**Am I required to complete this Orientation/Class? Is the requirement ever waived?** Mediation is required for all cases unless it is waived by the Court due to qualifying specific circumstances. If you wish to seek a waiver of mediation, 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](http://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 Sheriff
- by hand-delivery to:
- by depositing a copy thereof in the U.S. mail in a properly addressed, postpaid envelope to:

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

This is the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Moving Party or Mediator or  
Family Court staff