

## **PARENT EDUCATION AND COUNSELING – HARRIS COUNTY**

The Harris County Family Courts require parties with children to attend a parent education and counseling course. Below you will find the Family Court Local Rule requiring such course, as well as a suggested list of courses in the Houston area. Please attend one of these court-approved courses as soon as possible. Once you have completed the course, please return to our office the original certificate of completion provided to you so that we may file it with the Court as proof of your attendance.

### **Family Court Local Rule 12.1**

#### **RULE PARENT EDUCATION AND COUNSELING 12**

**12.1** Except for good cause shown, in all divorces joined with suits affecting the parent-child relationship, the court shall require parents to attend an educational program for divorcing parents. In its discretion, the court may also refer parents involved in modification or enforcement litigation, or a child involved in any type of custody litigation, to an education course or for counseling. In protective order cases authorized by Chapter 85, Tex. Fam. Code, the court may refer a party to a batterer's treatment program.

### **Approved Courses**

Children Cope with Divorce  
5868 A-1 Westheimer, Suite 625  
Houston, Texas 77057  
Tel.: 713-952-2673  
[www.childrencope.org](http://www.childrencope.org)

Depelchin Children's Center  
Tel.: 713-730-2335  
[www.depelchin.org](http://www.depelchin.org)  
[parentEd@depelchin.org](mailto:parentEd@depelchin.org)  
*See website for course locations*

ESCAPE Family Resource Center  
3210 Eastside  
Houston, Texas 77098  
Tel.: 713-942-9500  
[www.escapefrc.org](http://www.escapefrc.org)

Confident Co-Parenting Online  
[www.parentingpartnerships.com/intro\\_online.html](http://www.parentingpartnerships.com/intro_online.html)