

St. Louis City, Missouri Rule 68.10

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Family Court of St. Louis City requires all parents to attend a Parent Education Class if they are parties to a divorce or a Motion to Modify Custody. Parents Together After Separation (PTAS) is a court mandated 2-hour psycho-educational workshop for divorcing parents provided free of charge for parents referred through the City of St. Louis Family Court system. PTAS teaches parents the basics of co-parenting while divorced and how to consider the best interests of the child. PTAS takes place on selected Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings. **To register for PTAS, please call Tia Alford at (314) 909-9922. You must have your case number when you call.** You are required to complete this class within 45 days of filing your case or service.

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1. In any action for dissolution of marriage, legal separation, declaration of invalidity, declaration of paternity, or modification thereof, involving minor unemancipated children, all parties and, where appropriate, the minor unemancipated children shall participate in a Court approved program designed to educate parents on the detrimental effect of parental conflict on children and how to avoid such conflict and the resulting negative effects.
2. The management of the program shall cause to be filed with the Court a Certificate of Completion for each party who completes the program.
3. Petitioner or movant shall complete the program and have a Certificate of Completion filed with the Court within forty-five (45) days after filing the petition for dissolution of marriage, legal separation, declaration of invalidity, declaration of paternity or motion to modify.
4. Respondent shall complete the program and have a Certificate of Completion filed with the Court within forty-five (45) days after service of the petition for dissolution of marriage, legal separation, declaration of invalidity, declaration of paternity or motion to modify.
5. For good cause, the Court may waive the requirements of this Rule for any party.
6. No evidentiary hearing pursuant to Rule 68.8.2 hereof shall be held until the Certificate of Completion of each non-defaulting party has been filed with the Court.
7. Failure of any party to comply with this Rule shall warrant imposition of sanctions upon the request of any party or on the Court's own motion. In ordering sanctions, the Court shall be guided by the provisions of Supreme Court Rule 61.01.
8. The management of the program may request a reasonable voluntary contribution from each participant in the program but may not condition issuance of a Certificate of Completion thereon.