

**SUPPLEMENTARY LOCAL RULES**  
**FOR THE 25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
**Yamhill County**

Effective February 1, 1999

**8.080 PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM**

(1) *Policy.* The Twenty-fifth Judicial District shall establish or approve a parent education program as authorized by ORS 3.425. The program shall provide information to parents on the impact of family restructuring on children to each person named as a party in the following types of proceedings:

- (a) Annulment or dissolution of marriage, where there is a child or children of the marriage;
- (b) Legal separation where there is a child or children of the marriage;
- (c) Petition to establish custody (including paternity) or non-custodial parenting time (visitation); and
- (d) Post-judgment litigation involving custody or non-custodial parenting time (visitation).

(2) *Mandatory Participation.*

- (a) Each party who files an appearance in a proceeding of the types described above shall complete the program unless exempted by the court. A final judgment shall not be entered in the proceeding until each party not otherwise exempted by the court who has filed an appearance has completed the program.
- (b) The party initiating the proceeding shall contact the mediation/arbitration coordinator with the court clerk's office and register for the program within 21 days after filing the initiating pleading with the court. A copy of this local rule and instructions on how to register for the program shall be served by the initiating party on all parties against whom relief is sought. Service shall be completed in the manner provided in ORCP 7 at the time the initiating documents are served. All other parties shall have 30 days after service of the notice upon them to register for the program.
- (c) The clerk shall provide a copy of this rule to the initiating party for service upon all parties against whom relief is sought, together with a statement describing the program including contact telephone numbers, addresses and statement of costs.

(d) The program provider shall issue a certificate of completion to the Court when the participant has completed the program.

(e) The court may exempt one or both parties from the program if, after reviewing the requesting party's motion and supporting affidavit, the court determines that participation is unnecessary or inappropriate.

(3) *Sanctions.* The court shall actively promote each party's completion of the program. Failure or refusal to complete the program in a timely manner may be considered by the court in making its ruling on issues of custody and/or parenting time. A party who has completed the programs shall have the right to:

(a) Request that the pleadings of a party who has appeared be stricken if that party has not completed the program in a timely manner without good reason.

(b) Request entry of an order from the court to compel the non-complying party's completion of the program should the non-complying party not have completed the program in a timely manner without good reason. The court may enter an award of attorney fees in favor of the complying party who utilizes this option to force the non-complying party's compliance with this rule.

(4) *Fees*

(a) Each party shall pay the appropriate fee to the program provider upon registering for the program. Fees for a county operated program may be collected as directed by the court.

(b) The program registration fee may be waived or deferred by the Court. The procedure for requesting a fee waiver or deferral shall be the same as used to request a waiver or deferral of a fee when filing a petition for dissolution. A form shall be available from the Court.

(c) Application for fee waiver or deferral, if any, must be made prior to registering for the program. When registering, either the fee must be paid or the order waiving or deferring the fee must be provided.