



**Frequently Asked
Questions About
Mandatory Parent
Education Class
“Children In Between”**



- 1. Who is required to attend?** “All individuals who are parties to a case involving child custody or parenting time, whether or not contested, must attend a parent education class” *Supplemental Local Court Rule 8.070(1)*
- 2. What is the class about and why is it required?** The Children in Between parent education class is a three-hour course which focuses on how parents can reduce the negative impact on their children when families have legal matters about custody, parenting time and/or child support. Completion of a parent education class and mediation orientation meets certain requirements of Oregon laws.
- 3. When and where is the class offered? Is there a cost?** Please see attached schedule. The local class is held at: Klamath County Museum, 1451 Main Street, Klamath Falls. Please use the entrance to the meeting room from Spring Street. There is no cost to attend in person.
- 4. Do I need to register for the class?** No. Please attend the next available class.
- 5. Do both parents have to attend the class together?** No. You can attend separate classes, especially if there is a restraining order in effect; OR if you are uncomfortable to be in this class at the same time as the other parent.
- 6. Can I bring my child/ren to the class?** No. This class is for parents only.
- 7. What if I live in another county or state? Is there an online class available?** You may be allowed to complete a similar course online. Contact the Family Law Facilitator at 541-883-5503 ext#237 for current information about these options. There will be a fee to complete the online course.
- 8. Why do I need the Certification of Completion?** The Certificate of Completion is necessary for the court to finalize your case. Once you have completed the class either in person or online, make a copy of the original certificate for your records and send the original Certificate of Completion to: Klamath County Circuit Court, 316 Main Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97601. Be sure to write your case number on your certificate.
- 9. Will I be required to attend a meeting with a mediator?** When parents disagree about parenting and custody arrangements, each parent must meet individually with a mediator for about an hour before joint mediation begins. This usually happens after attending the “Children In Between” class. Both parents must complete the mediation intake form available at this class and choose one mediator or be assigned a mediator. The mediator will then call the parents to arrange the individual appointments. Parents may also directly contact the mediator.