

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LATAH**

_____)	Case no. CV _____
Petitioner,)	
vs.)	ORDER TO ATTEND
)	FOCUS ON CHILDREN CLASS
_____)	
Respondent.)	

1. In order to minimize the negative impact of divorce/separation upon your children, the District Court has ordered **both parents** in this case to attend its FOCUS ON CHILDREN program. Please do not bring your children with you. The Program lasts **three (3)** hours and is held in the Latah and Nez Perce County Courthouses. **Reserve your date and time as outlined below at least five (5) days prior to the date of the class, class size is limited to 15 individuals.**

Please call 208-799-3052 to Reserve your seat. Please leave a message with (1) your name and phone number, (2) the date and time of the class you wish to attend, (3) the case number, and (4) the county of your action. You will receive a return call ONLY if there is a problem with your registration.

On-line/E-mail registration is also available at <http://sjdc.isc.idaho.gov/>

Latah County – FOC Class, P.O. Box 8068, 522 S. Adams St, Moscow, Idaho

Class is held the third Friday of each month from 9-12

Nez Perce County - FOC Class, P.O. Box 896, 1230 Main St, Lewiston, Idaho

Class is held the first Friday of each month from 9-12 and 2-5 in Courtroom 5

NOTE* If a holiday falls on a 1st or 3rd Friday, refer to the Class Schedule on the website <http://sjdc.isc.idaho.gov/> for alternate dates.

2. Before receiving credit for attending the program, each parent must pay a fee of **\$40.00** (unless a fee waiver for the FOC Class has been approved by the Judge prior to attending the class—if so, bring this fee waiver order with you to class), a check or money order in the amount of \$40.00 (payable to the District Court). You may sign up and attend a class in either location. You may either **mail your payment or pay in person** to the District Court Clerk’s Office in the county **where you are planning to take the class.** Prepayment of the fee is encouraged.

3. If you do not attend the FOCUS ON CHILDREN class as ordered, if you disrupt it, if you do not stay until it is over, or if you fail to pay the required fees, the Court may impose penalties against you, including fines or jail time.

4. If you hold an active PROTECTION ORDER or NO CONTACT ORDER against the other party, or if you fear domestic violence, inform the District Court Clerks Office at the time you schedule your attendance and you and the other parent will be scheduled for separate classes. **THE COURT'S ORDER TO ATTEND THE FOCUS ON CHILDREN PROGRAM DOES NOT CANCEL A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDER OR A NO CONTACT ORDER.**

5. This Order and the "Open Letter to Parents in Divorce" is to be served on the Defendant along with the summons and complaint.

Ordered by: MAGISTRATE JUDGES OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Date

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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**An Open Letter to Parents
Regarding the Second Judicial District's
FOCUS ON CHILDREN CLASS**

Children always suffer some confusion and disruption in their lives as a result of divorce. This confusion and disruption is best handled by caring parents, since parents are usually better able to take into account their children's individual differences and needs in making the decisions that affect them. If parents do not agree on support, visitation, custody, or other important parenting questions, then a Judge must make those decisions. Even where parents agree, Idaho law still requires the Judge to review the agreement to make sure it is in the best interests of their children.

Current research indicates that children deal best with divorce when they are not caught up in, or become the object of their parents' disputes. The FOCUS ON CHILDREN class, which you will attend, will give you information on cooperative parenting, on counseling and mediation resources in this area, and on other ways to solve parental and family problems more peaceably. The goal of the Program is to help you avoid expensive courtroom custody hearings and other long and painful battles, both during and after your divorce.

The Program is not intended to bring you and your spouse back together again, and it will not give you legal advice or assistance. It will help make the difficulties of divorce more bearable for you as parents and less painful for your children.

The Magistrate Judges of
The Second Judicial District