

NORTH CAROLINA
16th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DURHAM COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

FILE NO. -CVD-

	Plaintiff(s),
v.	
	Defendant(s),

**NOTICE TO ATTEND
Orientation & Parenting Apart Class
(SPANISH self-directed version)**

(A copy of this form MUST be sent by the Moving Party to the Responding Party and shall operate as BOTH Parties' Notice to Attend)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §50-13.1 and Chapter 237, Section 17.16 of the 1999 Session Laws, the child custody and/or visitation issues in the above captioned case have been referred to a mandatory parenting education class and mandatory participation in the Custody Mediation Program.

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED TO COMPLETE an online, self-directed Spanish-language "Orientation & Parenting Apart Class". Plan for up to 2 hours to complete.

Complete the following tasks by: _____

1. Watch the ORIENTATION presentation/video (in Spanish) at:

<https://www.nccourts.gov/form/orientacion-sobre-la-mediacion>

NOTE: At the end of the video, you must click the blue button that says:

"Next: Complete the Form" in the lower left corner to enter required information. After doing so, you *and* the Custody Mediation Program will receive a verification email to serve as proof that you completed this requirement. **This is important.**

2. Complete the PARENTING APART CLASS (in Spanish) at:

<https://www.nccourts.gov/form/educacion-para-padres>

NOTE: after completing all tasks at the above Parenting Apart Class link, a verification email will be sent to you *and* the Family Court office to serve as proof that you completed this requirement.

3. Complete and Return the CUSTODY MEDIATION INTAKE FORM:

To find the form, go to: www.nccourts.gov/documents/forms and

Search for Form "AOC-A-208". If you cannot find the form, email us and we will assist.

When you have completed the intake form, email it to:

Dist16.CustodyMediation@nccourts.org OR fax to: 919-808-3045.

The form is available in Spanish and English.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE ORIENTATION/CLASS REQUIREMENT may result in the contempt powers of the Court, including SANCTIONS and/or FINES. For more information,

please contact the Mediation Office at (919) 808-3025 or the Access and Visitation Program at (919) 808-3225.

Why am I receiving this notice? Your case has custody or visitation issues pending before the Court, which requires participation in our mandatory Custody Mediation Program.

What happens during the Orientation/Class? Parties receive information about custody mediation and the impact of parental conflict on children. The Orientation/Class will take up to TWO HOURS to complete. The Orientation/Class is typically held in a group setting but is offered to Spanish-speaking parties in a self-directed format. If you are fluent in both languages and wish to attend the live online English version instead of the Spanish self-directed version, please contact (919) 808-3025.

What happens after the Orientation/Class? A mandatory private Mediation Session occurs after all parties complete Orientation/Class. Private Mediation Sessions are being held by video conference until further notice.

What is the purpose of Mediation? Mediation is a practical way to resolve custody and/or visitation matter(s) quickly and at no cost. Parties have an opportunity to create a workable parenting plan with the assistance of a neutral, professional mediator. The goal is to bring parties together regarding the best interests of the child(ren) and avoid having decisions made by a judge. Agreements reached in mediation become a binding and enforceable Order of the Court once signed by the Presiding District Court Judge.

What if I received this Notice the completion deadline/date? Please complete the tasks as noticed here, even if you receive the notice after the deadline and/or contact the Mediation Office at (919) 808-3025.

What if I have safety concerns or an order of protection? Please contact either (919) 808-3025 or (919) 808-3225 to discuss safety concerns and/or protective orders as they relate to mediation. If there is an existing Protective Order, please indicate this on your Mediation Intake Form and/or contact the Custody Mediation Office. Some cases may qualify for a waiver of mediation.

Am I required to complete this Orientation/Class? Is the requirement ever waived? Mediation is required for all cases unless it is waived by the Court due to qualifying specific circumstances. If you wish to seek a waiver of mediation, you may choose to file a Motion and Order to Waive Custody Mediation (FORM AOC-CV-632), which can be found at www.nccourts.gov or obtained in the Family Court Suite (Suite 6500).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of this Notice has been served in the following manner:

- by Sheriff
- by hand-delivery to:
- by depositing a copy thereof in the U.S. mail in a properly addressed, postpaid envelope to:

AND a copy of this document has been provided to FAMILY COURT, 14th Judicial District, Suite 6500, 6th Floor, Durham County Courthouse, 510 South Dillard Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701.

This is the _____ day of _____, 20____. _____
Signature of Moving Party/Mediator/Family Court