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### KIOSK CHECK-IN

This winter the Warren County Domestic Relations Court introduced a kiosk sign in system for all Court users. The kiosk is located beside our docket display in Corridor C. The quick and easy check-in process allows the Court to move quickly and efficiently to assist its Court users. We ask that all parties and attorneys check in by typing in the first three letters of their last name upon arrival and the kiosk will direct them in their next steps.

### STAFF ADDITION

The Court is thrilled to welcome staff member, Amy Breeze. Amy brings 30 years of child support knowledge and experience and a great attitude to our team.

### HOPE FOR FAMILIES IN DIVORCE PARENTING CLASS

The court is happy to announce that our space for the Hope for Families in Divorce parenting class has been renovated to provide a more modern and comfortable setting. The State of Ohio requires that all divorcing parents of children under the age of 16 attend a parenting class. Warren County parents must attend in person. The HOPE class is an exceptional class, and the Warren County Domestic Relations Court is proud to have Randall Wheeler, MTH BCPC as its facilitator. To register please select the yellow box on our front page.

### GUARDIAN AD LITEM FUNDS

The Warren County Domestic Relations Court has procured funding in 2024 to allow parents with a low economic status to reap the benefits of a Guardian Ad Litem without cost. This enables the Court to have more information available to make decisions that are in the best interests of the parties' minor children. The decision whether to appoint a Guardian Ad Litem without cost shall be made by the Judge or Magistrate on a case-by-case basis.

ATTORNEYS: The required up-to-date child support language and notifications can be found under "Quick Links" on our front page. As of November 1, 2023, your initial and final documents will not be accepted without this language. (It can easily be copied and pasted.) Also, a reminder that Local Rule 1.1B requires the parties' email addresses on all initial and final pleadings.

### HELP CENTER

Due to its popularity, the Court is continuing to provide unrepresented parties with a Help Center designed to assist in the completion of Domestic Relations Court paperwork. The required paperwork can be found online in the Domestic Relations Court Document Center and printed out. Unrepresented parties shall fill in the paperwork to the best of their ability. The Help Center can then assist in answering any remaining questions regarding the completion of the paperwork. Current hours are **Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** and **Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** NOTE: The Help Center cannot give legal advice.

Judge Jeffrey T. Kirby

Warren County Common Pleas Court

Domestic Relations Division