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LOCAL RULES

The Warren County Domestic Relations Court is happy to announce a revised set of Local Rules that became effective June 1, 2023. Cooperative Dispute Resolution is replacing Early Neutral Evaluations and Parenting Coordination has been added to offer more forms of dispute resolution for all parties.

COOPERATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Chief Magistrate Renee L. Crist and Magistrate Kyra M. Raimey will be the Court Assessors for the Cooperative Dispute Resolution sessions. Both Magistrates will carefully listen to the various disputes and offer an informed opinion of how the Court may rule on these issues. Cooperative Dispute Resolution allows parties the chance to resolve their disputed issues without the time and expense of a full trial.

PARENTING COORDINATION

The Court has also begun to use qualified Parenting Coordinators to help families implement parenting orders using assessment, education, case management, conflict management, coaching, or decision-making. (Parenting Coordinators please use the forms available in the Document Center so that you can be added to the Parent Coordinator List as soon as possible.)

HELP CENTER

The Court is also happy 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 assist in answering any remaining questions from unrepresented parties 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.

HOPE FOR FAMILIES IN DIVORCE PARENTING CLASS

The State of Ohio requires that all divorcing parents of children under the age of 16 attend a parenting class. The Hope for Families in Divorce parenting class restarted in May 2023. 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 is working to procure funding in 2024 to allow parents with a low economic status to reap the benefits of a Guardian Ad Litem without cost. This will enable the Court to have more information available to make decisions that are in the best interests of the parties' minor children.

Judge Jeffrey T. Kirby

Warren County Common Pleas Court

Domestic Relations Division