

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

_____)	Case no. CV _____
Plaintiff,)	
vs.)	ORDER TO ATTEND
)	FOCUS ON CHILDREN CLASS
_____)	
Defendant.)	

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 two (2 ½) hours with an optional ½ hour for questions and is held in the Clearwater, Idaho, Latah and Nez Perce County Courthouses. Contact the County’s District Court Clerks Office within fourteen (14) days, with your case number if filed, to schedule your attendance at a specific session.

Nez Perce County Class - (208) 750-2007 Latah County Class – (208) 883-2255

2. Before receiving credit for attending the program, each parent must pay a fee of **\$40.00** unless excused by the Court from payment of all filing fees, a check or money order in the amount of \$40.00 (payable to the District Court in the County in which you attend the program). You may sign up and attend a class in any location. You may either mail your payment or pay in person to the District Court Clerks Office **where you are planning to take the class.**

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

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

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 your spouse, 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