

*Helping Children
Cope With
Family Separation*

*Brown County, Ohio
2025*

ONLINE SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION PACKET
January thru December 2025

*A Cooperative Process: The Brown County Courts and
Lifespan Solutions, Cincinnati, Ohio*

Your Decision and its Impact on Your Children

The decision to separate and/or to divorce usually follows much thought and careful consideration. This program is designed to help you, and your children work through difficult transitions related to your divorce and related changes in your family structure and circumstances. Like any other life-changing event, divorce can result in emotional growth or can be a negative experience leaving lasting issues. While you may not have chosen this experience for yourself and your children, you do have a choice in the way you handle it. Family separation can be very difficult, but you and your children can move forward in a healthy and positive manner.

An Important Message from the Courts

“All children are impacted by their parents’ divorce or family separation. While some adjust more quickly than others, many suffer the emotional fallout and carry the hurt into their own adult years and relationships. The **Helping Children Cope with Family Separation** program is intended to enable you, the parents, to play an active role in lessening the negative effects and/or trauma imposed upon your children as a consequence of your separation. Therefore, **attendance is mandatory, and a necessary step in scheduling your hearings and in determining your ongoing status in relation to your children.**”

Scott T. Gusweiler, Judge, Brown County Common Pleas Court
Kris D. Blanton, Magistrate,
Val Lewis, Judge, Brown County Juvenile Court
Kenneth Zuk, Magistrate
Massimino Ionna, Magistrate

Why This Is So Important

As many as fifty percent of all marriages are presently ending in divorce. Many of these couples have one or more children who must cope with the breakup of their home. Approximately one-third of divorced parents remain bitter and conflicted for several years following their divorce. Unfortunately, much of this bitterness and emotional pain is often played out in the life and experiences of the children. Other families experience a significant change in visitation, custody, or family structure that impacts the daily lives of their children. The goal of **Helping Children Cope with Family Separation** is to help parents understand that the best gift they can give their children — and themselves — is co-parenting their children in a positive, healthy manner.

***Helping Children Cope with Family Separation** is, in part, based on the **Helping Children Cope with Divorce** program developed by Beech Acres, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio.*

For more information or if you have questions call A. Eugene Smiley at 513-324-3999. If you have to leave a message your call will be returned within 24 hours.

Brown County Meeting Location

The class meets by ZOOM online from 630pm to 9:00pm per the attached schedule.

Procedure:

- Download the free ZOOM app to your phone or computer.
 - You will receive a ZOOM link to enter class; and class handout – by email.
 - You can choose the class you wish to attend from the dates listed.
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REGISTRATION

***Call 513-324-3999 to register
for the online class***

You can pay registration by credit/debit card when you register by phone - or mail this registration form with money order for \$60.00 to Lifespan Solutions, 7672 Montgomery Road, #153, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45236 two weeks before date of class.

Registration

(Mail-in registration not necessary if one completes registration by phone)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Court Case # _____ Brn Cty Court Adams Cty Court

Your Email address _____

CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2025

_____ Thurs January 09, 2025

_____ Thurs July 10, 2025

_____ Thurs February 13, 2025

_____ Thurs August 14, 2025

_____ Thurs March 13, 2025

_____ Thurs September 11, 2025

_____ Thurs April 10, 2025

_____ Thurs October 09, 2025

_____ Thurs May 08, 2025

_____ Thurs November 13, 2025

_____ Thurs June 12, 2025

_____ Thurs December 11, 2025

**A second overflow class will be provided when the
scheduled class reaches capacity.**

Classes are for adults only