

Story Title Parenting After Separation and Divorce
Program Franklin - Parenting After Separation & Divorce
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**Is this related to an Equal
Program/Employment
Opportunity?** Yes

Executive Summary Helping separated parents focus on how their positive communication decreases the negative impact on their child or children during a difficult time in all of their lives.

**Issues/Needs and
Audiences** As parents separate and divorce, stress and difficulty in communication make it harder to give their children the attention they deserve and require.

Extension Responses CCE Franklin offers regular programming to help parents learn techniques to move away from the drama of this stress filled time, focus on meeting the needs of children, learn communication methods that facilitate safety and child centeredness, and what to expect from the legal system.

**Accomplishments and
Impacts** Parents frequently mention ways that they plan to use the methods shared in this program. One parent used the following words to describe how her attitude and expectations had changed.

"I will always be positive in my interactions with the father of my children. I will be forward looking and make sure that the best interests of my children are at the heart of every communication. I have learned that although cooperative parenting is what I aimed for, perhaps parallel parenting may be more appropriate at this time given the unique circumstances. Yet, I can work toward opening the lines of communication and creating the most positive parenting style possible."

Collaborators Franklin County Courts

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