

SUPREME COURT OF YUKON

PRACTICE DIRECTION
FAMILY-2

*Parenting After Separation
or Divorce*

This practice direction makes it mandatory for parents who are parties to a divorce proceeding or any proceeding where a claim for custody, access, or child support is made to take the parenting workshop called *For the Sake of the Children*. It is the court's view that it is in the best interests of children to have their parents as fully informed as possible about the impact of separation and divorce on children and parents and the resources available to assist them in managing their post-separation relationships. The court also recommends that parents take the other two workshops, *Communication Skills After Separation or Divorce* and *Managing Conflict After Separation or Divorce*.

The workshops are regularly presented online by the Family Law Information Centre in Whitehorse. The Yukon.ca website sets out the dates and times. If a parent does not reside in the Yukon, they are required to take equivalent workshops in the jurisdiction they reside.

The *For the Sake of the Children* workshop must be taken within six months from the date of filing by the parent commencing the divorce petition or proceeding and six months from the date of service by the party being served.

This mandatory attendance does not apply:

1. when the parties have filed a written agreement settling all the issues between them, or;
2. when all the children are 16 years of age and over.

A parent who has taken the workshop may file a Certificate of Completion.

Failure to take the workshop may be a factor in any custody, access or child support application.

Duncan C.J.
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