Why Education?

Co-parenting families have a unique set of challenges. They also have opportunities to build resilience.

When parents separate or divorce, children must often adjust to new arrangements, like moving between households, or living with a single parent or caregiver. Sadness and anger can be normal during this time. However, with support, children can thrive.

On-going conflict can interfere with this adjustment. Conflict between co-parents after separation or divorce is not healthy for children and is associated with poor outcomes.

The Successful Co-Parenting class helps parents learn skills for reducing conflict and supporting children through difficult times.

You can find ways to co-parent effectively and help your children transition toward a healthy future.

Caught in the Middle:
Common situations when children feel caught in the middle:
- Carrying messages to the other parent
- Loyalty conflicts caused by “put downs” of the other parent
- Dealing with money matters
- Being quizzed about the other parent’s life

How to Schedule

Participants must register directly with UW-Extension.

ASHLAND COUNTY RESIDENTS CALL: (715) 682-7017

BAYFIELD COUNTY RESIDENTS CALL: (715) 373-6104

711 for WI Relay (TDD)

If you are required to take this class related to divorce or mediation, the class must be completed prior to your final divorce hearing or mediation session.

Instructor permission is required for both co-parents to attend the same session. Both must agree that attending together is in the best interest of their children and will enhance their learning.

Note: Only registered students will be contacted in the event of a schedule change or class cancellation. Registration is not complete if not made through UW-Extension.

Payment Information

Fee: $25 per person. Cash or checks accepted in advance or at time of class. Make checks payable to:

Bayfield County UW-Extension

(If paying in cash, please bring exact amount. We are unable to make change at the class.)

Is there an online option?

An online program Children In Between ($69.95) may be approved on a case-by-case basis. Contact the Clerk of Circuit Court in your county to request.
2019 SCHEDULE, JUNE—DECEMBER

Parents will...

- Become aware of the impact of family conflict on children.
- Learn ways to support children during difficult times.
- Develop and practice new skills for positive interactions with their ex-partner.
- Understand the importance of managing their own stress to support their children.

Parents who have taken the class say...

Locations:

**Ashland County Courthouse**, 201 West Main Street, Ashland
Third Floor - Jury Room No. 1
(Enter from north entrance)

**Bayfield County Courthouse**, 117 East Fifth Street, Washburn
Lower Level - Conference Room A
(Follow posted signs to class location)

**Red Cliff Community Health Center**
36745 Aiken Road, Red Cliff Community Room

“T’ve used the information from the co-parenting class a lot. I can’t control what my ex says or does but I can control what I say and do.”
— Participant

“I will make a stronger effort to work with my child’s other parent.”
96%

“This class should be required of all separating parents.”
91%

“Excellent program. Opened my eyes to my kids’ point of view and the importance of a joint effort for my kids’ benefit.”
— Parent participant

Parents consistently report they find the class more useful than other sources of information related to co-parenting, including friends, relatives, books and the Internet.