

***Trans*Parenting Seminar**

For Separating or Divorcing Parents

All separating or divorcing parents with children under 18 must attend a four-hour education seminar to teach parents how to help their children adjust to their new family situation. Administration of the program is contracted through qualified counselors, trainers, and educators. Each participant will pay a fee of \$40 to cover the total cost of the seminar.

Remember, payment must be received **by the payment due date** for the scheduled seminar date. You will receive confirmation of your seminar date when we receive payment. Seminars will be held in the Board Room at Try-Again Homes, Inc., 365 Jefferson Ave., Washington, PA 15301. (Call 724-225-0510 x 338 for more information. Directions are included in this document.)

<u>Seminar Dates:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Payment Due Date:</u>
January 19, 2012 • Thursday	5:00pm - 9:00pm	January 9, 2012
January 28, 2012 • Saturday	9:00am - 1:00pm	January 18, 2012
February 11, 2012 • Saturday	9:00am - 1:00pm	February 1, 2012
February 16, 2012 • Thursday	5:00pm - 9:00pm	February 6, 2012
March 15, 2012 • Thursday	5:00pm - 9:00pm	March 5, 2012
March 24, 2012 • Saturday	9:00am - 1:00pm	March 14, 2012

The *Trans*Parenting seminar educates parents about emotional reactions to divorce, what to expect from family and friends, positive and negative consequences of the changes in their living situation, a parenting approach that will benefit their children, guidelines for talking to children about the divorce, ways to help their children through difficult emotions and changes in their living situations and the role of the stepparent. Participants also receive lists of resources where they can see additional information and support.

*Trans*Parenting is a nationally recognized program operating in 39 states and 189 jurisdictions. According to the *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, 1997, 96% of family court judges surveyed said the program “serves to lessen negative effects of divorce on children.” In fact, the *Trans*Parenting program is the recipient of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges award, “Unique and Innovative Projects”. And, 80-90% of participants in exit surveys rated the program “very helpful” in assisting them in learning to work with their co-parent through the divorce process and minimize the negative influence parental separation has on children (*Trans*parenting Handbook, 2).

Course Content:

Part 1:

- The Divorce Process
- Involvement with the Legal System
- Change in your Economic Situation
- New Relationships with Family and Friends
- A Period of Adjustment

Part 2:

- Establishing a Co-Parent Relationship
- Talking to your Children about the Divorce
- Guidelines for Helping Children Adjust
- Changes in the Living Situation
- Ages and Stages
- New Family Structures

Part 3:

- Making a Change
- How to get Help
- Concluding Remarks

Part 4:

- Reference List
- Recommended Reading List

Try-Again Homes

Try-Again Homes was incorporated as a private, nonprofit corporation in 1976 by a group of ministers and lay people who felt a strong need to help neglected, abused and troubled children and families. Today, we serve over 800 clients throughout Pennsylvania and West Virginia annually. Our progressive programs are geared to enhance and strengthen the lives of families.

Our services include: Foster Care, Adoption, Can-Do Program, Intensive Counseling, In-Home Counseling, Family Reunification and Preservation, Adventure-Based Therapy, Transitional/Independent Living Services and *Trans*Parenting.

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Directions to Try-Again Homes
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724-225-0510

FROM Interstate 79 South

Take 79 South to 70 West. Once on 70 West, take the Jefferson Avenue Exit (first exit). At end of exit ramp, turn right onto Wylie Avenue. You immediately come to a stoplight. Turn left at this stoplight onto Allison Avenue. Go through 2 stop signs. At the third stop sign turn right, and continue until you come to a stop light at the end of the block. Go straight for one block. Turn left into the alley. At the next stop sign there will be a parking lot on your left and Fairmont Supply Building on your right. Go straight until you come to the next parking lot on your left. You may park there or on the other side of the yellow brick building. Please park in the white lines rather than the yellow lines. Try-Again Homes is located in the yellow brick building.

FROM Interstate 79 North

Take 79 North to exit 33 (US 40) toward Laboratory. Turn right off the exit ramp onto Maiden Street (US 40). Go approximately 3-4 miles (7 stop lights) and Maiden Street becomes Jefferson Avenue (PA 18). At the 8th light, the post office parking lot will be on your left and a church on your right. Make a left turn at this 8th stoplight, then make the VERY next right into the alley. Go to the first stop sign and as you sit at that stop sign, look catty-corner to your right, there is a parking lot. You may park there or on the other side of the yellow brick building. Please park in the white lines rather than the yellow lines. Try-Again Homes is located in the yellow brick building.

FROM Interstate 70 East

From 70 East, take the Jefferson Avenue Exit. At end of exit ramp, turn left onto Jefferson Avenue. Watch for CoGo's on your right. At the light at CoGo's make a right hand turn. Go one block and turn left into the alley. At the next stop sign there will be a parking lot on your left and Fairmont Supply Building on your right. Go straight until you come to the next parking lot on your left. You may park there or on the other side of the yellow brick building. Please park in the white lines rather than the yellow lines. Try-Again Homes is located in the yellow brick building.

FROM Interstate 70 West

From 70 West, take the Jefferson Avenue Exit. At end of exit ramp, turn right onto Wylie Avenue. You immediately come to a stoplight. Turn left at this stoplight onto Allison Avenue. Go through 2 stop signs. At the third stop sign turn right, and continue until you come to a stop light at the end of the block. Go straight for one block. Turn left into the alley. At the next stop sign there will be a parking lot on your left and Fairmont Supply Building on your right. Go straight until you come to the next parking lot on your left. You may park there or on the other side of the yellow brick building. Please park in the white lines rather than the yellow lines. Try-Again Homes is located in the yellow brick building.

Notice to Attend

All parents with children under 18 years of age and who are involved in child custody or divorce litigation are required by the Washington County Court to attend an educational seminar. The seminar deals with the subject of how children cope with separation and divorce. Failure to complete the seminar will result in appropriate sanctions by the court.

This seminar is a four-hour program presented by qualified counselors under a contract with the court. Try-Again Homes, Inc. is licensed to conduct this seminar. It is held in the Board Room at Try-Again Homes, Inc., 365 Jefferson Ave., Washington, PA. Parents are not required to attend the same session and children are NOT to attend.

Please call Try-Again Homes, Inc. at 724-225-0510 ext. 338 to determine the next available seminar date. Please return the registration form below and your check or money order for \$40 (per person), **payable to** Try-Again Homes, Inc. 10 days prior to your chosen seminar date. For all returned non-sufficient funds checks, Try-Again Homes, Inc. reserves the right to require additional payment from you equal to our bank charges.

Please send your registration form and the check or money order for \$40.00 (per person) to:

Try-Again Homes, Inc.
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P.O. Box 1228
Washington, PA 15301

Seminar for Separated Parents Registration Form

Please Print

Names on Complaint or Petition:

vs.

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Ext. _____

Please schedule me for the one four-hour session: Date: _____ Time: _____

*(Complete the following statement only if you **do not** wish to attend with other parent)*

____ Do NOT schedule me for the same session as the other parent (_____) *Name of other Parent*

Your Signature

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