# 387th DISTRICT COURT PARENTING CLASS/MEDIATION
# (Updated January 1, 2013)

## I. PARENT EDUCATION COURSE REQUIRED

Except for good cause shown to the Court, all parties to lawsuits in which there are minor children (whether conservatorship is contested or not) are required to attend a parent education seminar within 30 days of filing for Petitioner and 30 days of service for Respondent. A certificate verifying attendance at the parent education seminar shall be filed with the Court upon completion and filed with the District Clerk.

Children Cope with Divorce, locations in Richmond and Houston, (713) 952-COPE
Escape Family Resource Center, locations in Richmond and Houston, (713) 942-9500
Depelchin Children's Center, locations in Stafford and Houston, (713) 730-2335
Divorce as Friends-Stop the Conflict, Houston (713) 520-5370

**APPROVED ONLINE COURSES**
The Court has approved the following online courses:

www.ucrecovery.com
www.puttingkidsfirst.org
www.kidsfirsttexas.com
www.family-affairs.org
www.parentingchoice.com
www.parentingpartnerships.com
www.txparent.com
www.parentclassonline.com

The Court must approve any other online course not listed above in advance. You must submit a course syllabus in order to get an approval.

## II. MEDIATION REQUIRED PRIOR TO CONTESTED TEMPORARY HEARINGS ON CONSERVATORSHIP

Mediation is required on all matters involving conservatorship or geographic restrictions except in the case of a written motion and a showing of good cause.

## III. MEDIATION REQUIRED PRIOR TO FINAL TRIAL ON MERITS

Except for good cause shown to the Court, all parties are required to attend mediation before a final trial in all cases. You may contact the Fort Bend Dispute Resolution Center at (281) 342-5000 or a private mediator. If the parties are unable to agree on a mediator or a mediation date, the Court will make that decision on written motion. A certificate of mediated settlement/or inability to settle at mediation signed by the mediator must be filed with the Clerk prior to trial on the merits, except in Applications for Protective Orders.

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