

Second Judicial Circuit of Berrien County



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FRIEND OF THE COURT S.M.I.L.E. PROGRAM

Pursuant to an Administrative memo issued by the Chief Judge of the Berrien County Trial Court, all parties involved in a divorce action with minor children or a custody or visitation dispute shall be required to attend one session of the Friend of the Court S.M.I.L.E. Program. This Program will provide general information regarding the Friend of the Court's office, the Court system, and other important information for people going through a divorce or custody issue. Any person interested in a Domestic Relations' case involving children may attend this Program.

The following schedule will be in effect through November 2017:

Wednesday, April 19, 2017	12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse
Thursday, April 20, 2017	12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse
Wednesday, May 17, 2017	12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse
Thursday, May 18, 2017	12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse
Wednesday, June 21, 2017	12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse
Thursday, June 22, 2017	12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse
Wednesday, July 19, 2017	12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse
Thursday, July 27, 2017	12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse
Wednesday, August 16, 2017	12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse
Thursday, August 24, 2017	12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse
Wednesday, September 20, 2017	12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse
Thursday, September 21, 2017	12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse
Wednesday, October 18, 2017	12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse
Thursday, October 19, 2017	12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse
Wednesday, November 15, 2017	12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse
Thursday, November 16, 2017	12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse

See reverse side for location information

The following are addresses for the locations where the S.M.I.L.E. Program is presented:

BERRIEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NILES 1205 N Front Street, Niles MI

BERRIEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE SAINT JOSEPH Jury Room, 2nd Floor, 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI

The S.M.I.L.E. Program presentation is approximately two hours and will focus on general policies and procedures, not individual cases. Please do not bring your children to the Program. You may attend any of the scheduled sessions; however, you are encouraged to attend the Program as soon as possible in order to obtain information in the early stage of your domestic case. It is preferable, but not required, that the parents attend the same session if possible.