

# 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 May 2018:**

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
Wednesday, December 20, 2017	12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse
Thursday, December 21, 2017	12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse
Wednesday, January 17, 2018	12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse
Thursday, January 25, 2018	12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse
Wednesday, February 21, 2018	12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse
Thursday, February 22, 2018	12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse
Wednesday, March 21, 2018	12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse
Thursday, March 22, 2018	12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse
Wednesday, April 18, 2018	12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse
Thursday, April 19, 2018	12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse
Wednesday, May 16, 2018	12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse
Thursday, May 17, 2018	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.