

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 July 2020:

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| Wednesday, October 23, 2019 | 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse |
| Thursday, October 24, 2019 | 12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse |
| Wednesday, November 20, 2019 | 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse |
| Thursday, November 21, 2019 | 12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse |
| Wednesday, December 18, 2019 | 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse |
| Thursday, December 19, 2019 | 12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse |
| Wednesday, January 15, 2020 | 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse |
| Thursday, January 16, 2020 | 12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse |
| Wednesday, February 26, 2020 | 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse |
| Thursday, February 27, 2020 | 12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse |
| Wednesday, March 18, 2020 | 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse |
| Thursday, March 19, 2020 | 12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse |
| Wednesday, April 22, 2020 | 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse |
| Thursday, April 23, 2020 | 12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse |
| Wednesday, May 20, 2020 | 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse |
| Thursday, May 21, 2020 | 12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse |
| Wednesday, June 17, 2020 | 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse |
| Thursday, June 18, 2020 | 12:00 Noon at Niles Courthouse |
| Wednesday, July 15, 2020 | 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Courthouse |
| Thursday, July 16, 2020 | 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.