

## **What if my child fails to attend or leaves early?**

Full participation in the seminar or online alternative as documented by the Court is required unless granted permission to opt out for good cause as determined by your Judge or Magistrate. Completion and submission of a post-seminar evaluation are required before your child will receive a certificate of completion of the court-approved child education seminar.

## **What if my child attended the seminar previously?**

Any party who can provide proof that their child attended the court-sponsored program or approved alternative within one (1) year prior to the current filing may be exempt from the attendance requirements.

### **NOTICE**

This pamphlet was created to help you understand your options but NOT to advise you about the law.

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*Dedicated to serving the  
families and children of  
Medina County*

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### **Contact Us**

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## **What About Me?**

Educational Program for Children of  
Divorce / Family Disruption



**Medina County Domestic  
Relations Court**

**Family Court Resources**



**What About Me?** is an educational program for children facilitated by Ohio State University Medina Extension in partnership with the Family Court Resources department of Medina County Domestic Relations Court and provided to the minor children ages 6-17 of court-involved families.

### **Why is it so important for my child to attend?**

- Divorce and / or family disruption is a stressful and challenging process for parents and their children.
- 25% of children from divorced homes will experience ongoing emotional and behavioral problems, compared to only 10% of kids whose parents do not divorce.
- Children with divorced parents are twice as likely to have trouble fitting in and/or attempt suicide.
- Helping children build resiliency through programs such as this will lead to better outcomes for kids.

### **Where & when can my child attend this program?**

The program is an hour and a half long from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Participants may choose from a variety of weeknights offered each month.

All sessions are held in-person at the following location:

**OSU Medina Extension**

**4046 Medina Rd.**

**Medina, OH 44256**

### **How do I register my child for What About Me?**

For more information or to register your child go to:

[www.go.osu.edu/WAMregistration](http://www.go.osu.edu/WAMregistration)

or scan the QR code below.



### **What should my child expect while attending this program?**

This class includes hands-on activities to help children understand:

- 1.) They are not alone. Many other kids are going through the same thing.
- 2.) Divorce and family disruption are not their fault.
- 3.) All emotions are OK, but we sometimes need help identifying and managing them.
- 4.) We all need someone to talk to about our feelings.

### **What else do I need to know?**

The cost of the program is **\$15.00 per child** due at the time of registration.

If your child is unable to attend in person, the below online alternative can be substituted.

**CHILDREN IN BETWEEN: FOR KIDS -**  
<https://www.childreninbetweenforkids.com/>

