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Seminars will be held at the Medina County Supervised Parenting Time and Exchange Center at **4046 Medina Road**. Parking is available in the front of the building.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CENTER

From Akron and south of Akron:

Take I-77 north to Route 18 West (Exit 137-B). Proceed about 10 miles to Foote Road. Turn Left onto Foote. Center entrance will be on the right hand side.

From Cleveland and surrounding areas:

Take I-71 south to Route 18 (Exit 218). Turn right onto Route 18 and follow for two miles to Foote Road. Turn left onto Foote Road and Center entrance will be on the right.

From northern Summit County and areas east of Cleveland:

Take I-271 south toward Columbus. Take exit onto I-71. South. Take Exit 218/Route 18. Turn right onto Route 18. Follow Route 18 for two miles to Foote Road. Turn left onto Foote Road and Center entrance will be on the right.

From the west/Medina Public Square:

Head east on Public Square to S. Broadway. Continue east on Route 18/East Washington Street for a mile and a half to Foote Road. Turn right onto Foote Road, and Center entrance will be on the right.

Looking Forward 2020

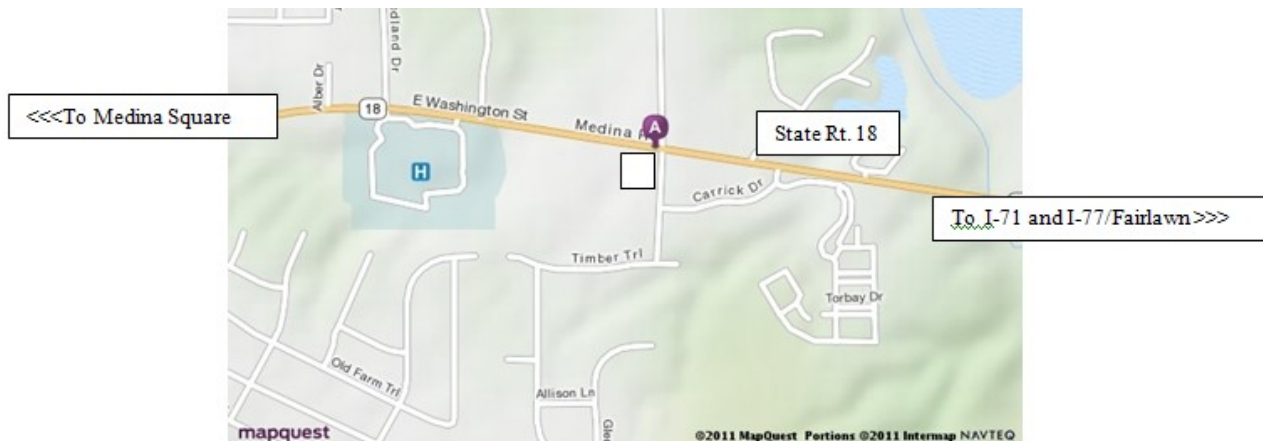
Group for Children of Divorced and Separated Parents



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Change is Difficult . . .

Children often experience confusing feelings and beliefs during and after their parents' separation. They are frequently caught in the vacuum created by the separation and the ensuing rearrangement of interpersonal relationships.

Children often have questions about the separation or divorce. Children often have feelings that are difficult to share. Children wonder what will happen to them, their family and their lives.

This program is helpful for children to see and be with others who are going through similar experiences. This program will allow children to interact in a group setting and participate in activities geared toward answering questions about their parents' separation and talking out their feelings. The groups are conducted by licensed counselors and social workers with experience in working with children of separated parents.



What is taught . . .

- Ways to share one's thoughts and feelings about the separation.
- Ways to keep beliefs and fears in a balanced perspective.
- Respectful ways to let people know your needs and wishes.
- How to problem solve.

When and Where . . .

Looking Forward is conducted in conjunction with the mandated parents' program, *Still Parents*. Since both programs are conducted in the same building, it is very convenient for the parent(s) and children to attend at the same time. *Looking Forward* is also open to children of parents who attended the Court's *Working Together* program for unmarried parents. *Looking Forward* classes are held from 9 AM to 11 AM on Saturdays according to the schedule to the right.

Attendance . . .

Attendance at *Looking Forward* is encouraged for any child from age six to seventeen years old and whose parents have been or are parties to divorce, dissolution, legal separation and parentage cases in Medina County Domestic Relations Court. The Court may require attendance in post decree matters concerning parental rights and in any matter when parents are ordered to become involved in the Court's case management program for high conflict cases.



Preregistration . . .

The children's registration can be made by calling the Court at **(330)725-9740 ext. 0** Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Please phone at least three days in advance of the seminar.

Looking Forward Children's Seminar Schedule 2020

CHILDREN AGES 6 TO 12

February 22, Saturday
May 30, Saturday
August 22, Saturday
November 21, Saturday

CHILDREN AGES 13 and OLDER

March 28, Saturday
June 27, Saturday
September 26, Saturday
December 19, Saturday

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