

## ABOUT THIS EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

The General Assembly of the State of Tennessee recognizes the detrimental effect of divorce on many children and that neither parent will have the same access to the child as would have been possible if the parents were able to maintain an intact family. The General Assembly further recognizes the need for stability and consistency in the child's life, the fundamental importance of the parent-child relationship to the welfare of the child unless inconsistent with the child's best interest, as well as a parenting arrangement that best maintains a child's emotional growth, health and stability, and physical care. Because of these recognized needs, the General Assembly has an interest in educating parents concerning the impact of divorce on children. Thus, the Tennessee State legislature passed a law relative to parenting plans, which includes subsection §36-6-408, Parent Educational Seminar, for divorcing parents of minor children became effective January 1, 2001.

Francine Owens is the provider of this seminar called "Family Matters": A Parent Educational Seminar. It is combined with "Children of Divorce" videos/curricula and has been approved by Chancellor James F. Butler.

Francine Owens is a licensed clinical social worker with years of experience as a presenter, working with families and counseling.

Please pre-register by one of the following ways:

- ( ) **Call** 731-660-5279
- ( ) **Voice Mail** the provider when no one is available to take the call.  
Francine Owens (731) 660-5279
- ( ) **Fax** the completed Registration Form to:  
(731) 660-5669
- ( ) **E-Mail** the provider :  
info@owensfamilycounseling.com

**NOTE:** When requests for registration are received, registrations will be accepted unless there is a conflict in scheduling. Confirmations will not be sent nor calls returned unless there are conflicts in scheduling.

The facilitator offers the seminars to all eligible persons regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, age, religion, or disability.

# Family Matters

*A  
Parent  
Educational  
Seminar*

An Educational Seminar for  
Divorcing Parents of Minor Children



PROVIDED BY  
Francine Owens, LCSW

**Family Matters:  
A Parent Educational  
Seminar**

The Tennessee State Legislature passed a law relative to parenting plans on June 1, 2000 to be effective on January 1, 2001, One of the subsections is §36-6-408, Parent Educational Seminar, for divorcing parents of minor children. A curriculum has been developed, which addresses all of the topics outlined in the bill. The curriculum is video-based and incorporates discussion, lecture, and written materials as the primary teaching format.

The seminar educates parents concerning how to protect and enhance children's emotional development and inform parents regarding issues surrounding divorce and co-parenting, as well as legal and judicial processes.

Topics covered include, but are not limited to: 1) explaining divorce to children, 2) common behavioral problems, 3) parenting styles, 4) when only one parent cooperates, 5) working in the best interest of children, 6) helping children heal, and 7) recovery for children of divorce.

The main goals of the program are to reduce parental conflict, increase effective communication regarding the children; decrease the stress experienced by the children; and reduce relitigation.

**Registration**

**Fee:** The cost of the seminar is \$95.00 per individual participant. This fee is payable in **cash only**. Correct change is requested. Pre-registration is encouraged to assure classroom accommodations and placement within the seminar.

**Class:** The seminar includes four hours of training presented in two 2-hour sessions. Participants may attend during the week or choose the weekend, no matter their county of residence, county where the complaint is filed and/or the location of the seminar. Divorcing couples should attend separate seminars. The classes begin in February 2006.

**Class Schedule:**

Madison County                      3rd Saturday

**Time:** 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturdays. Classes begin on time, and participants will not be permitted to enter if late. Participants are requested to arrive ten minutes early at the first session for registration.

Location: Owens Family Counseling  
26 Lamar Circle Suite 5  
Jackson, TN 38305

**Certification:** Certifications will be disseminated upon course completion. Please provide the following information on the registration form for the certificate: 1) name of court and its location, 2) docket number, and 3) social security number.

**Childcare:** **DO NOT bring children to the seminar.** Child-care is NOT provided.

**Registration Form**

Madison Co. 3rd Saturday 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Court: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name & Location)

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment

**Cash.** (to be paid at the door)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_