

SEPARATED PARENTS INFORMATION PROGRAMME



SPIP (Separated Parents Information Programme) is a court ordered or self referral programme in which parents attend to learn about how separation can affect their children.

KEY DETAILS:



Location

Several providers run SPIP courses on behalf of CAFCASS. These are each in different locations. TLC as a provider, run these courses in - Agecroft, Eccles and Rochdale.



Time

The SPIP course is 4 and a half hours long, including a 30 minute break. You must attend the whole duration of the session.



Cost

If you have been referred by the Court, CAFCASS will pay for you to attend. If you are interested in referring yourself, please call 0161 872 1100 (option 3) to discuss the costs.

- + The programme is usually delivered to a mixed group of parents
- + Separated parents will attend separate sessions
- + Children are not permitted to attend the sessions
- + New partners can not attend

"The course explained a lot in detail which I found very useful. The environment was welcoming and I instantly felt relaxed."
SPIIP participant

INCLUDES:

The Separation and Divorce Process:

Looking at your current situation and the options for you and your family in the future.

What Children Need:

Watching a powerful video, made by young people, which follows a separating family.

Parent Communication:

Discussing the feelings of both parents and the children within a given fictional situation.

Emotions:

Thinking about how the separation has made everyone feel and ways to move forward.

FAQS:

Do I have to attend?

If you have been ordered by the courts to attend, and don't, it means that you will be in breach of the court and you may be held in contempt.

What do I do next?

You will have been offered a selection of available courses at various locations. Please call or email TLC confirm your place.

Will my ex-partner attend the same course?

You will both be ordered to attend, but these will be different sessions. We ask everyone to come with an open mind, as whilst your relationship with each other will have changed, you are both still parents.

What will be reported back to the courts?

CAFCASS is only told who attends. However, we would have to let them know if we thought an adult or child was at risk of harm or if someone was disruptive and had to be asked to leave the course.

Will I have to share my personal experiences?

At no time will you be pressured to share anything you are not comfortable sharing, as the point of the programme is to offer support. The most important thing is that you feel respected and can contribute and take what you need from the programme.

I cannot attend any dates provided?

We aim to offer a range of courses at different locations but if you are unable to attend, please call or email to discuss other possible dates.

Further questions?

No problem. Please use the contact details below for any/all enquiries.



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