

## ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE

## **Parenting After Separation Program**

This Notice re-issues a Notice to the Profession issued on December 13, 2010 by the then Court of Queen's Bench Registrar, Melanie Baldwin.

The Court of Queen's Bench Family Law Practice Committee is a committee composed of Judges from the Court's Family Law Division which considers matters of family law practice and policy in the Court. The Family Law Practice Committee has noted that parties continue to attempt to take further steps in family law proceedings without first attending the Parenting After Separation program and filing a certificate of attendance with the Court or obtaining an exemption from the requirement as contemplated in s. 44.1 of The Queen's Bench Act, 1998. This practice occurs throughout the province.

Parties to family law proceedings and their counsel should be aware of the following aspects/requirements of the Parenting After Separation program:

- The Parenting After Separation program is mandatory in all Judicial Centres in Saskatchewan.
- A party to a family law proceeding must attend the Parenting After Separation program and file a certificate of attendance with the Court or obtain an exemption from this requirement before taking any further step in a family law proceeding.
- If more than two years have elapsed since a party attended the Parenting After Separation program, the party must do so again and file the appropriate certificate or must obtain an exemption before taking any further step in a family law proceeding.
- If a party's personal circumstances do not permit him/her to attend at a centre where the Parenting After Separation program is offered but that party has access to a computer and a printer, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice offers a CD version of the program. A party wanting to access the CD version must contact Cornell Beuker, the Ministry's Parent Education Coordinator at (306) 933-5937 or 1-877-964-5501 toll-free to apply for the CD version of the program, must watch the CD and must satisfactorily complete and return a number of workshests to Ms. Beuker.

This Administrative Notice is issued this 20 th day of June, 2013

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Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan