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*Advocating for Equal Parenting and Family Law Reform*

## Free & Low-Cost Parenting and Co-Parenting Courses

This brochure provides a list of online parenting and co-parenting courses that issue certificates of completion. Some are free, others charge a small fee. Courts sometimes require such programs during custody or visitation cases. Always confirm with your judge or court clerk before relying on a certificate.

### ■ Free Parenting & Co-Parenting Courses

- **UpToParents (uptoparents.org)** – Free online co-parenting program with videos, lessons, and exercises. Provides a certificate upon completion. Acceptance varies by court.
- **Open Path Collective** – Offers free and very low-cost parenting and co-parenting classes with downloadable certificates. Widely recognized in some jurisdictions.
- **Alison (alison.com)** – Free educational platform with parenting and childcare courses. Certificates and diplomas available. Great for supplemental learning, not always court-accepted.

### ■ Low-Cost / Court-Recognized Programs

- **Putting Kids First** – Recognized in many Texas counties as meeting mandated parenting class requirements. Sliding-scale pricing, certificates included.
- **Online Parenting Programs (onlineparentingprograms.com)** – Court-ordered parenting/co-parenting programs available online. Certificates issued. Accepted in many states and counties; confirm locally.
- **ParentClassOnline** – 100% online classes with official certificate of completion. Designed for use in custody and visitation cases.
- **Priceless Parenting** – Court-approved parenting courses covering communication, child development, and co-parenting. Certificates issued upon completion.
- **LifeMatters / Rapid Online Parenting** – Quick classes with test and certificate for around \$39. Claims wide acceptance; always confirm with your court.

### ■■ Tips for Fathers Presenting Certificates in Court

- Always check with your court or attorney before enrolling.
- Request a syllabus or outline of topics covered.
- Make sure the certificate includes: your name, completion date, provider, and course hours.
- Local or state-approved providers may carry more weight.
- Free programs are valuable, but some judges prefer recognized paid options.