

what is a parenting order course?

Information for parents

Warwickshire Youth Offending Team

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WHAT IS A PARENTING ORDER?

A Parenting Order is an Order of the Court designed to help and support parents. It is believed that by working with parents to increase their confidence in parenting it might be possible to prevent young people re-offending. The Court expects you to co-operate with your Responsible Officer.

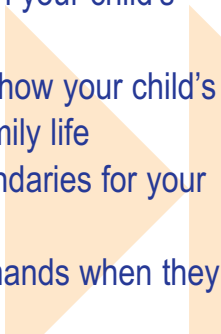
WHAT IS A RESPONSIBLE OFFICER?

This is the person from the Youth Offending Team who helps you to complete your Order.

WHAT IS A PARENTING COURSE?

The Order requires you to attend parenting sessions as arranged by a person referred to in Court as the Responsible Officer.

As a result of this, Parenting Courses are provided by us and we hope that you will:

- receive help in dealing with your child's behaviour
 - have a chance to discuss how your child's behaviour has affected family life
 - be encouraged to set boundaries for your children
 - challenge your child's demands when they are unreasonable.
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WHAT WILL I HAVE TO DO?

You will have to attend group work and individual sessions as requested by your Responsible Officer. This will be for no more than once a week for up to three months. You will also have to meet with your Responsible Officer to review progress.

WHAT DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO DO?

Your child will not have to attend the group work sessions. However, we will visit you in the home in between the group work sessions and meet with you as a family too. This will be discussed with you at the beginning of the Parenting Course.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT CO-OPERATE?

We hope that we will be able to discuss any difficulties you may have with the Order and help in any way we can.

However, if you miss a session without good reason, refuse to comply with the Order or fail to let your Responsible Officer know if there are difficulties – you will be returned to Court. If the Court believe that you have not co-operated with the Order you may be:

- fined up to £1000
- you may be re-sentenced, which could result in you receiving an Absolute Discharge, a Conditional Discharge or a Community Rehabilitation Order.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I HAVE COMPLETED THE COURSE?

Notification will be sent to your Responsible Officer and you will receive a copy.

WHAT IF I NEED FURTHER HELP?

If you feel you need further help or support, please discuss this with your Responsible Officer.

The name of your Responsible Officer is:

Telephone Contact:



WHEN DO THE SESSIONS START?

You will be given an appointment card and clear directions about where to go.

If there are any changes to these arrangements you will be notified by letter.



EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

We will treat you fairly and with respect.

We expect you not to use comments or behaviour which is:

- racist
 - sexist
 - makes others feel uncomfortable.
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YOUR RIGHTS

If you are unhappy with how you have been treated by a person from the Youth Offending Team tell us by:

- talking to your worker

OR

- telephoning the Unit Manager at your worker's office

OR

- ask for the Complaints Leaflet

CONTACTS

Warwickshire County Council
departments of Education and Social
Services, in partnership with
Warwickshire Health Authority,
Warwickshire Probation, Warwickshire
Police with Bail/Remand Services
provided by Barnardos.

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another format for example in large
print, on audio tape, in another
language or through discussion.

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