LCR 16A.
PARENTING SEMINARS

(a) Cases Affected. Pursuant to RCW 26.12.170, this rule applies to all actions in which the court is petitioned to adopt a parenting plan or residential schedule involving minor children, and, if ordered by the court, to an action in which modification of such a plan or schedule is sought.

(b) Seminar Required. The judges of this court shall, by administrative order maintained in the records of the clerk, from time to time designate one or more providers of parenting seminars. Each party who is a parent shall, within thirty days after initiating or being served with initial documents in a case covered by this rule, contact a designated provider to schedule attendance at a parenting seminar. Prior to trial in such a case, or prior to entry of a final parenting plan or residential schedule if no trial is held, each such party shall attend and complete a parenting seminar, and file proof thereof with the court.

(c) Exemption and Enforcement. A party may seek exemption from the requirements of this rule on the basis of substantial hardship, established by motion of the party supported by written declaration or oral testimony. A party who has completed a parenting seminar, pursuant to this rule or otherwise, within twenty-four months before institution of the present action is, upon filing proof thereof, also exempt from part (b) of this rule, unless otherwise ordered by the court. Unless exempted, a party who fails to comply may be sanctioned by civil contempt remedies, by an order striking pleadings, or in such other manner as the court deems appropriate.

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