



# Working Together for Children (WT4C)

**Most people agree that inter-parental conflict is not good for children but sometimes conflict is more likely to happen when you are separating or divorcing. Working Together for Children (WT4C) is a programme designed to help separated parents understand what their children need most from them and to learn the fundamental principles of how to manage any conflict and difficulties and how to put this into practice. You may be ordered by the Court to attend a WT4C programme and you must comply with the Order or you could be held in contempt of Court.**

## The Court

The decision to end a relationship and to parent children separately is not an easy one. Many relationships which end are fraught with tension and communication issues. Courts have the power to direct parents to attend the WT4C programme aimed at promoting safe contact with children and helping you agree on how this change will be managed.

## The Arrangements

The programme can be delivered face-to-face or via a video platform site to a mixed group of parents. Depending on the delivery method and on how many parents are present the programme can take up to four hours. Separated couples do not attend the programme in the same group but it is important that both parents go on the programme. Your attendance at the programme will be confirmed with the court.

## WT4C Content

- The programme is for family members who are in conflict over child arrangements (such as where your child should live or who the child should see, how often and for how long).
- Assists parents to work together in the best interest of your child.
- Highlights your child's needs; learn various ideas that can make a difference to your child's life.
- Talking to your child; tell them what is happening, hear and talk to them about any feelings.

You will be asked to complete an evaluation form relating to your experience of the programme. This is used by Cafcass Cymru for learning, development and service improvement.

## Payment

There is a charge of £150 for attending the programme but if you are legally funded the programme is free. Cafcass Cymru also makes allowance for those parents who may be put in a situation of financial hardship if they have to pay for the programme. Please ask your Cafcass Cymru Officer for more information. Financial assistance can be applied for by following the attached link: [www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CafcassCymruFAForm/](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CafcassCymruFAForm/)

Alternatively, you can contact the Commissioned Services Team.

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