

Thirty-Fifth Judicial Circuit Of Michigan

County of Shiawassee
Courtthouse
208 N. Shiawassee Street
Corunna, Michigan 48817

Gerald D. Lostracco
Circuit Judge
June 9, 1997

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Mr. Mark Van Epps
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Dear Mr. Van Epps:

Catholic Social Services and the Shiawassee Circuit Court are pleased to announce the renewal of the Contract providing counseling services for divorcing families. The counseling services are provided by Catholic Social Services and funded by the circuit court. Referrals for counseling under the provisions of the Contract will only be accepted on an order from 35th Circuit Judge Gerald Lostracco. This counseling is family focused and facilitates handling the divorce process more effectively and, hopefully, with less stress for families. Catholic Social Services will provide counseling progress reports on a regular basis to the Friend of the Court staff. If you feel your divorce client or their children could benefit from counseling, please make the referral directly through the Friend of the Court Referee, Daniel Loomis, or Judge Lostracco.

The Contract provides in part, "Counseling and evaluation during this period is not intended by the court or CSS to involve CSS counselors in contested court proceedings as an advocate for either parent in a domestic relations dispute." We understand there may be occasions when this is unavoidable in addressing the best interests of children. Court appearances by CSS staff are not covered by the Contract, and there will be a minimum charge of \$400 required with service of any subpoena.

Please feel free to call Catholic Social Services or the circuit court with any questions.

Sincerely,

Gerald D. Lostracco

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Pres. Catholic Social Services