

You may register several ways:

The registration fee is \$90 per person (materials included) and is due in full at the time of registration. This fee is paid to McHenry County College; register by calling (815) 479-7591 and providing credit/debit card information. Other forms of payment can be taken at MCC's Main Campus at the Registration and Records Department at 8900 US Highway 14 in Crystal Lake (Building A).

Focus on the Kids Registration Form

CASE NUMBER _____ Birthdate _____

Sex: M F

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Spouse's Name/Other Parent's Name _____

Preferred Class Hours/Schedule:

**All classes will be held at MCC Shah Center,
4100 W. Shamrock Ln., McHenry, IL 60050.**

We will make every effort to accommodate your schedule request.
Please call (815) 479-7591 for current schedule dates.

Weeknight, 6 p.m.–10 p.m.

Saturday, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

*You will be notified by email of your class assignment date, instructor,
and room number.*



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Helping Your Child Cope

***This program is mandated by the 22nd
Judicial Circuit Court of McHenry County***



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Co-parenting offers a variety of challenges even in the best of conditions. **Focus on the Kids** offers parents the opportunity to understand the impact divorce and separation can have on their child(ren). Parents who are more aware of this impact are prepared to make decisions that promote the well being of their child(ren). The program assists parents in developing solutions to common and unique dilemmas faced by families during this process of change. Parents will have the opportunity to learn effective ways of communicating with each other and how to make decisions that are in the best interests of their child(ren).

Designed as a four-hour educational class, **Focus on the Kids** seeks to assist parents in understanding and responding to the needs of their child(ren) and to help their child(ren) in coping with their feelings.

Focus on the Kids covers:

- Parents Forever
- Developing a Parenting Plan
- Communicating with Your Child(ren) When Parents End Their Relationship
- Communicating with the Other Parent
- Helping Children Cope
- Stages of Loss and Grief
- How Loss Affects Child Development
- Parenting Time
- Emotional Games Parents and Children Play
- Dealing with Anger

Note: This program is designed to offer parents the opportunity to learn about, and discuss the effects of divorce and separation on minor children. This class is intended to educate parents and NOT to provide counseling or legal advice.

REGISTRATION AND CLASS INFORMATION

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At the time of registration, please provide your **CASE NUMBER**.

- Parents are required to have an open divorce or family case in McHenry County before they can register or take the class. This class is not intended for parents who have a criminal case.
- Parents must successfully complete one four-hour class. Classes are being held in person at the Shah Center located at 4100 W. Shamrock Lane in McHenry and not on the main campus of MCC.
- Parents are not allowed to attend the same class together and children are not allowed in the class. Please make childcare arrangements.
- Parents must arrive on time or will not be admitted.
- Classes are offered approximately three times a month either on Saturdays from 8 a.m.–12 p.m. or weeknights from 6–10 p.m. Class sizes are limited and fill quickly so do not wait to register.
- Following successful completion of the course, parents will receive a certificate of completion from their instructor. Parents must file their certificates with the Court.
- Parents are required to provide their own interpreter for their primary language. Sign language interpreters will be provided by MCC. Contact (815) 479-7591 should you require any other accommodations.
- Call (815) 479-7591 or notify us via email at focusonthekids@mchenry.edu to reschedule. There is a \$20 fee to reschedule your class with advanced notice. "No shows" will be required to repay the \$90 fee to reschedule.

Who Must Participate?

The McHenry County Judges are concerned for the welfare of children of divorce and separation. This class is mandated for any parent in the process of divorce or who is involved in after-divorce proceedings in which there are minor children involved. Parents involved in parentage actions and ordered by the court must also attend.

Facilitators

All program facilitators are mental health professionals with a master's degree in the field of mental health or attorneys who specialize in family law cases. All facilitators have extensive experience in dealing with the effects of divorce and separation on minor children.