

You may register several ways:

- Mail completed form with money order or check (in amount of \$90) to:
MCC Shah Center, Focus on the Kids
4100 W. Shamrock Ln., McHenry, IL 60050
- In person, bring your completed form to MCC Shah Center where you may pay with credit card, debit card, check or money order.
- Phone with credit card or debit card information: (815) 479-7591.

Focus on the Kids Registration Form

CASE NUMBER _____ Birthdate _____

Sex: M F

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Daytime _____ Phone Evening _____

Spouse's Name/Other Parent's Name _____

Ages of each child _____ Order of Protection Yes No

Restraining Order Yes No Against _____

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.

Two consecutive Tuesdays, 7–9 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

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



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*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 learn 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 children in coping with their feelings.

Focus on the Kids covers:

- Parents Forever
- Developing a Parenting Plan
- Communicating with Your Children 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 not counsel them.

REGISTRATION AND CLASS INFORMATION

The registration fee is \$90 per person (materials included) and is due in full at the time of registration. The fee is paid to McHenry County College; DO NOT pay the Court. Money order, check, credit card, or debit card are accepted methods of payment.

At the time of registration, please identify your **CASE NUMBER** if available.

Participants attend either two two-hour classes or one four-hour class. You may attend either **two consecutive** Tuesdays from 7–9 p.m. or a four-hour Saturday class.

Participants enrolled in the two-session, two-hour class option must complete the program as scheduled with MCC.

In the event a participant fails to complete the program as scheduled, MCC will require the participant to pay the registration fee in full to reregister and complete the class in its entirety. Emergencies or extenuating circumstances, resulting in non attendance, will be evaluated by MCC and exceptions may be made.

- Participants must complete a total of four hours to receive their certificate of completion.
- Latecomers will **not** be admitted to class.
- A \$15 fee will be charged for replacement certificates.
- It is court mandated that parents **cannot** attend the same class.
- Children are not allowed in the class. Please make childcare arrangements.
- Non-English speaking parents need to provide their own interpreter.
- Each reschedule will result in a \$25 rescheduling fee. To reschedule, call (815) 479-7591.

Who Must Participate?

The McHenry County Judges are concerned for the welfare of children of divorce and separation. The 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.