

**You may register several ways:**

- Mail completed form with money order (**checks are not accepted**) (in amount of \$90) to:  
McHenry County College, Attn: Dee Comella,  
8900 U.S. Highway 14, Crystal Lake, IL 60012-2761
- In person, bring your completed form to McHenry County College's main campus Room A258 Registration Office where you may pay with cash, credit card, debit card, or money order. **Checks are not accepted.**
- 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 McHenry County College.**

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, class instructor and location.*

**Ethnic Background**

- Asian
- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- White

- Nonresident Alien
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Unknown

Highest Level of Education Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer not to disclose



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Helping Your Child Cope\*

***This program is mandated by the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of McHenry County***

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## Helping Your Child Cope\*

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.*

*\*Formerly Parents, Children and Divorce*

# 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. **Personal checks are not accepted.** Money order, credit card, debit card, or cash are accepted methods of payment. **Cash payment must be made in person at McHenry County College Main Campus (A258).**

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 must complete a total of four hours to receive their certificate of completion. Latecomers will **not** be admitted to class. Students without a case number must report his or her completion to the court. **Participants must complete the program within four months of their start date, or MCC may require that participant pay the registration fee in full to re-register.** Here are other important details:

- 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.