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## How YSB helps kids:

- Foster Care
- Solutions Counseling
- Homeless and Runaway Youth
- Street Outreach
- Transitional Living Program
- Community Services
- YSB Child Development Center
- Hispanic Center
- Redeploy IL
- 2nd Chance

815-433-3953 (24 hours)

815-433-3980 (Fax)

Program information and contact numbers may be found at [www.ysbiv.org](http://www.ysbiv.org).

Contact us via e-mail at [contactus@ysbiv.org](mailto:contactus@ysbiv.org)



*A Licensed, Child  
Welfare Agency*



## Youth Service Bureau



*of Illinois Valley*

## CHILDREN FIRST

*An Educational Program for  
Divorcing Parents*



Helping young people and families  
succeed by serving them in their  
home, school and community.

## CLASS LOCATIONS

**Ottawa, IL**

424 W. Madison Street  
(Main office)

**LaSalle, IL**

12 Gunia Drive

**Princeton, IL**

1702 1/2 W. Peru Street

## ELIGIBILITY:

The Children First Parent Education Program is for divorcing parents who have been mandated by a Family Court Judge in the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Illinois to participate in an educational program regarding problems and issues of divorce when children are involved.



## OBJECTIVE:

- The program is designed to help children and parents deal with divorce, separation, custodial conflict, and visitation exchange issues.
- Instructors provide information and motivation to parents to help make the divorce process and its related transitions as smooth as possible for the children involved.
- Children need to know, without any doubts, that their well-being is the top priority of their parents. Thus,

# Children First!



## PROGRAM SERVICES:

- One, 4 hour session.
- Presentations followed by group discussion.
- Topics are those stated by divorcing parents to be the most common causes of conflict and emotional upset regarding children.

**Note:** The Children First Program is an educational program; NOT a counseling program.

## PROGRAM COST:

- Any parent who provides written proof of indigence or proof of representation by Prairie State Legal, or proof of federal and state income assistance will not be charged a fee for the program.
- Divorcing couples may **not** attend the same session.

### The program fee of \$65 must be:

- **Paid in full**
- **Paid in advance**
- **Paid in cash or by money order**

**Walk in registrations and payments at the door will not be accepted.**

## HOW to REGISTER:

- **Contact YSB at 815.431.3000**
- Each parent is responsible for registering for his/her own class.
- YSB requires each parent to pre-register and pre-pay for the class that best meets his/her schedule and location.
- The class schedule varies, so please call the main number to find out when a class is available to you.

## CLASS LOCATIONS:

Ottawa, LaSalle and Princeton

## CERTIFICATION:

- Certificates are issued at the end of each class.
- A certificate from YSB is proof of successful completion of the program.
- It is the responsibility of each parent to present the certificate to the Family Court Judge at the time of the divorce proceedings.

