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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)

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Program information and contact numbers

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*A Licensed, Child
Welfare Agency*



Youth Service Bureau



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 13th 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.

