

What is Transparenting?

TransParenting™ is an educational program designed to teach effective parenting during the transition of divorce or parental separation. It impresses upon parents the critical role they play in their child's ability to adjust to the changes.

The seminar emphasizes each parent's responsibility to provide a nurturing, non-threatening environment for the child. Topics include:

- ✔ Feelings associated with divorce.
- ✔ Ways that children of different ages react during transition.
- ✔ A parenting approach that will benefit your children.
- ✔ Suggested ways for talking to children about divorce.
- ✔ Other adjustments children will need to make.

The course is taught by licensed professionals who have experience with children and who have been specially trained to teach this course. This is an educational program and not a counseling session. Parents will not be expected to discuss personal problems.

Why Do I Need to Attend?

The judges require all parents in cases of divorce, visitation, change of custody, and/or other domestic relations actions to complete this program. It is in the best interest of your children that you attend the program early in the proceedings so you can see divorce and family change through their eyes. Parenting during the transition of divorce and/or parental separation is challenging and this course discusses how to help your children through this difficult time.

Seminar Locations

VALPARAISO

Porter County Jail (Sheriff's) Department
2755 State Road 49, Valparaiso, IN 46383

*From Hwy 20, 24 or 30 turn south onto the 49 by-pass. Go approximately 1/2 mile past Hwy 30 and the station will be on the left.
From South Hwy 49 Look for the station before the first Valparaiso off ramp.*

MICHIGAN CITY

Michigan City Enterprise Center -
VNA Building
901 S. Woodland Ave., Michigan City, IN 46360
Address subject to change after May 2008.
Please call to confirm.

From East Hwy 20 to Michigan City continue two miles past Marquette Mall until you reach Woodland Ave. (Naturally Wood Furniture Store on North side.) Turn left onto Woodland Ave. and continue through next light (Coolspring Ave.). MC Enterprise Center is on the left.

Plan to attend the 4 hour seminar, which you have selected. No further notification will be given unless a conflict arises.

After attending the seminar and making payment, each participant will receive a parent handbook and certificate of completion.

CHILD CARE IS NOT PROVIDED.

Do not bring children to the seminar.

Children's Rights During Divorce and Separation

"I have the right..."

- ✔ To be told that my mother and my father will always love me.
- ✔ To be told that the family break-up is not my fault.
- ✔ To be seen as a human being not a piece of property to be fought for or bargained over.
- ✔ To have decisions about me based on what is in my best interest and not on my parents' hurt feelings or needs.
- ✔ To love both my father and my mother without being forced to choose between them or made to feel guilty.
- ✔ To know both my mother and my father through regular and frequent involvement in my life.
- ✔ To have the financial support of both my mother and my father.
- ✔ To be spared from hearing hurtful or negative comments about either of my parents.
- ✔ To be a child and not asked to lie, spy or send messages between parents.
- ✔ To be allowed to show affection for new people who come into my life without feeling guilty.

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