

PARENTING

WEST DAKOTA PARENT & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

336 5th Street W

264-1142 or toll free 1-877-264-1142

Active parenting, Developing Capable People, Positive Discipline, Positive Parenting, Living with your 10-15 year old, Parenting Teens and more - parenting sessions and programs, information, lending library, newsletters, serving Dickinson and surrounding southwest region.

Parent's Night Out -ongoing parent support group meeting each Monday night at the Adult Resource Center at 7:00 P.M. Childcare available upon request.

HEART RIVIERALCOHOL and DRUG ABUSE SERVICE

483-0795

Prime for Life under 21 Program. DUI 16 hr classes, alcohol and drug evaluations, interventions, low and high intensity outpatient treatment, consulting.

NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE

264-7665

Educational bulletins & workshops on human development and family/life issues. Workshop topics include:

- Children of Divorce
- Living with Your Teenager - series of six one page handouts.
- How to talk to your Kids so they will Listen – class on parenting techniques.
- Balancing Work and Family.

(Other topics available upon request).

"Parenting the First Year" –newsletters provided to parents of infants. "Parenting Pipeline". Newsletters provided to parents of children in Kindergarten, 2nd, 4th & 6th grades

STARK COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES

456-7675

Parent aide - a preventative parenting program; individualized to clients needs.

Foster Care - alternative, 24 hour per day, family life experience, in a Licensee protective environment.

Child Protection Services - to prevent, remedy or alleviate potential, actual or alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation of children under age 18, by a caretaker.

Family Focus Services - To help families strengthen their relationships, work with parents and children to prevent, shorten, or lessen risks of out-of-home placements. Voluntary program; individualized to client's needs.

Childcare Assistance - Assist in the costs of child care as a result of employment, education, and training.

Educational Programs - Planned~ time limited parenting education programs.

Crossroads - Childcare and transportation assistance to enable single, unwed mothers, 18 or under to obtain high school diplomas or GED.

Unwed Services - Services to assist the unwed parent(s) in preparing emotionally, physically, and economically to meet parenthood.

WHO IS AN AT-RISK CHILD?

Children become at-risk whenever overwhelming negative events occur in their lives.

Some of these areas are:

1. Death of a loved one including accidental death or suicide, especially if that person was an immediate family member or living in the household.
2. Severe physical illness of family members or close friends.
3. Divorce or separation.
4. Geographic change in environment whereby child is uprooted and finds him/herself in a new school, community, etc.
5. Loss of family property due to an act of nature, fire, etc.
6. Child who is a victim of or a witness to any sort of abuses (physical, emotional, sexual.)
7. Children whose parents are actively using drugs and drugs may pose a significant problem to children living in the home. It is important to remember that children need reassurance, consistency and warmth in their home environment if they are to be nurtured. Parents who use drugs and alcohol often times are inconsistent, unpredictable, irresponsible and not aware of the fears they instill in their offspring.