Best to lean on the experts when learning parenting

Jane McGurk says parents' rights are equal to kids'. And she ought to

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A trained therapist with a master's degree, she also is the mother of six children, four girls and two boys. A Bloomfield Hills resident, Mrs. McGurk is the associate director of a new program with headquarters in Southfield.

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able." Sessions will take place in communi-ys settings throughout the metropolitan area with group leaders such as Mrs. McGurk, with master's degrees in the helping professions, to lead them. Participants are encouraged but not required to attend meetings on a regu-lar basis for the best results and prob-lem prevention.

MRS. McGURK, who once trained under the well-known child expert Dr. Haim Ginott and with his wife. Dr. Alice Ginott, did her graduate studies in the east. She holds an master's degree in psychology and counsoling. "When Dr. Ginott wrote "Between Parent and Child" that was the first how-to book on parenting," she said.



Jane McGurk oversees a new workshop series intended to help parents function confidently.

"Now there are around 650 books on

"Parents are often confused because of so many experts expounding on child

raising, and we're still feeling the effects of the permissiveness of the 1990s."

She said parents have needs equal to those of their offspring but still often feel guilty when they have to say no. "We think our program is unique, and we know it's new," she said. "We want the permeter leave it said survey num. the parents to see it as a very non-threatening environment to try to solve

Others are planned for Maple House in Troy from 10-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays; YMCA. 400 E. Lincola, Birmingham from 1-2:19 m. Wednesdays; and fi-nally, 1 Browse Bookstore, 33086 Northwestern Highway in West Bloom-field at 10-11:15 a.m. Thursdays. For information, write: The Parent Program 18161 13 mile, Suite D-1, Southfield 48076 or call Mrs. McGurk at 647-5322.



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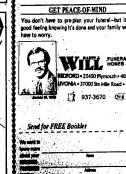


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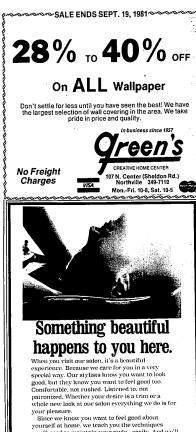
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