

Becoming a Cooperative Kids Instructor

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Cooperative Kids?

A national network of parent educators who teach workshops and parenting classes using the materials and methodology of Bill Corbett's LOVE, LIMITS, & LESSONS® parenting course.

Who is Bill Corbett?

Bill is the founder of Cooperative Kids, author of the book LOVE, LIMITS, & LESSONS®, a father to three grown children, a grandfather of two, and a step father to three. He has spent over 15 years as a parent educator, working one-on-one with parents and teachers and has a degree in psychology.

What are the core principles of LOVE, LIMITS, & LESSONS®?

Raising children today requires a different approach on discipline and a set of modernized tools in the home and the classroom. Spanking and punishment are not supported and are replaced with more encouraging discipline tools that contribute toward creating the "whole" child, not one that is easily swayed by peer pressure and external influences. LOVE, LIMITS, & LESSONS® teaches adults tools that will create more cooperation and build the inner, spiritual strengths of the child. When the principles are applied successfully, the child is more likely to head in a direction to find his or her purpose in life sooner, contributing to them living a happier and more effective life.

Is this a religious course?

No, it is based solely on human motivations and emotional intelligence of the child and the influences on behavior. Many believers of the New Testament in the Bible however, feel that this course teaches many of the same principles and have adapted it to their organization or church.

What is the origin of LOVE, LIMITS, & LESSONS®?

Bill Corbett constructed this methodology after becoming influenced by the works of psychologists Alfred Adler (1870 – 1937) and Rudolf Dreikurs (1897 – 1972) who both had a different take on what was required to successfully raise a child. They believed that if the adult focused on helping the child find their place in the family, helping them feel powerful, important, and valuable in appropriate ways, the child would become much more cooperative and actually contribute to the family unit. The child would then be more likely to enter the adult world as emotionally and psychologically stable, balanced, and successful contributor to society.

Does Cooperative Kids hire instructors?

No. Instructors are individuals who have "heard the calling" to step up as a parent educator to help caregivers of children in their community by helping them rebuild their discipline toolbox, using the LOVE, LIMITS, & LESSONS® program. Instructors are independent trainers who seek out opportunities for work in teaching, training, and speaking.

How do instructors find opportunities and get paid?

Instructors set up and advertise parenting classes and workshops in their own community and charge a fee for their training time or a per-person charge for each person attending their event. Instructors get help from Bill Corbett in establishing the events and determining what fees to charge.

Besides the classes, what other ways can instructors earn money?

Creating connections through networking with agencies and organizations that help provide training opportunities for parents and teachers is another means for income opportunities. Many of these types of organizations are constantly seeking out parenting experts to speak to their groups or provide training. In addition, Cooperative Kids receives calls regularly from organizations seeking out trainers or speakers and Bill Corbett cannot fulfill every request. He assigns opportunities to the instructors who are actively teaching the LOVE, LIMITS, & LESSONS® class and who are active on the team, attending instructor meetings and recertifying annually.

What does it cost to become a Cooperative Kids instructor?

All instructors must go through the 25-hour instructor certification training that is offered by Bill a few times each year. There is a one-time training fee that is currently set at \$699 for this weekend training, but will increase over time. It covers the 25 hours of training, some meals served during the training, an instructor's manual, ongoing support from Cooperative Kids, and enough materials to teach the first class.

Are there any additional costs or fees?

Instructors who want to continue to teach the course, use the materials, and remain on the team must recertify each year by paying a \$149 recertification fee. They must also demonstrate ongoing self-development by taking classes, workshop, or participating in organizations to increase their teaching/speaking abilities or their education on child development or psychology.

I'm nervous about teaching by myself. Can I team up with someone?

Team-teaching is a wonderful way of breaking into the training arena. That is always an option on this team and many of the existing instructors are open to working with others. You may also find someone in your own network who might be interested in becoming an instructor with you and a team can become certified for just \$999.

What kind of support do instructors receive from Bill Corbett and Cooperative Kids?

Bill encourages all instructors to "find their niche." There are many arenas that can use parent educators so instructors are encouraged to concentrate on one where they feel comfortable. Some include; churches, the community, prisons, early child care centers, corporations, social service groups, and more. Each instructor also has easy access to Bill Corbett and the rest of the team for help and assistance in growing his or her own teaching or speaking business. Support from Cooperative Kids includes telephone support, group meetings, and continuously developed materials.

I'm not sure this is the right fit for me. What can I do to explore it?

Attend some of Bill's training events, workshops or classes to get a feel for the methodology to see if it would be a good fit for you. You may also want to attend some of Bill's instructor meetings to meet others who have made the decision to join the team, to meet the instructors and find out how they have made the transition as a parent educator.