Children's Service Society of Wisconsin™

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Supervised Visitation

What is Supervised Visitation?

Supervised Visitation is a way for noncustodial parents, while in the presence of a neutral third party, to see their children in a safe and comfortable place. Visits take place at Children's Service Society of Wisconsin's Barron County office or at an agreed upon location. Trained staff members (visitation specialists) provide one-on-one supervision during visits. Visitation can occur between children and their parents, extended family members, or siblings who have been disconnected due to out of home placement or other family situations.

Children's Service Society also offers an enhanced form of supervised visitation based upon the Family Interactions model. In this model, visitation specialists assist parents in developing positive parenting skills by providing parents with mentoring, coaching and modeling during visitation time. Through use of the Family Interactions model, families have shown improvement in the following areas:

- Increased engagement in visitation with their children.
- Increased parental skill development.
- Move toward reunification and/or a less restrictive visitation service sooner than traditional visitation models.

Whether you choose the traditional supervised visit format or the Family Interactions model, Children's Service Society values a strength-based, family-centered approach to visitation services. Children's Service Society encourages a team approach to service delivery to best meet the needs of the family.

Who uses the Supervised Visitation Program?

Some of the reasons parents are referred to the Supervised Visitation Program include:

- Conflicts over custody.
- Issues with drugs or alcohol.
- A restraining order.
- Concerns about safety.
- Lack of a prior relationship with the child.

Referrals are accepted from social workers, family court, guardian ad litems, probation and parole officers, and other professionals.

Our staff

Supervised Visitation Program specialists who work directly with families are specially trained. Families are matched one-on-one with a visitation specialist who remains consistent through the duration of the case whenever possible. Staff completes thorough post-visitation reports for the referral source that reflect the content of the visit and summarize progress being made by the family.

Fees

Children's Service Society has an established purchase of service fee structure. Please contact our office for further details.

Our agency

The mission of Children's Service Society is to build, sustain and enhance a nurturing environment for Wisconsin children. To ensure this goal, Children's Service Society is committed to creating quality programs and services for children, youth and their families without regard to race, religion, sex or economic circumstances. In addition to Supervised Visitation, Children's Service Society offices offer child and family counseling, adoption services, family resource centers, foster care and support and education groups statewide.