



The Visitation Center

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WHY VISITS ARE IMPORTANT

- YOUR CHILD IS ABLE TO MAINTAIN RELATIONSHIPS WITH BOTH PARENTS
- YOUR CHILD CAN SEE THAT BOTH PARENTS ARE ALL RIGHT
- YOUR CHILD CAN SEE THAT BOTH PARENTS STILL LOVE AND WANT THEM
- THE VISITS MAINTAIN AN IMPORTANT CONNECTION BETWEEN PARENT AND CHILD

HOW YOU CAN PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR THE VISIT

- DO NOT TELL YOUR CHILD(REN) TOO FAR AHEAD OF VISIT
- TELL YOUR CHILD YOU'LL BE BACK WHEN THE VISIT IS OVER
- EXPLAIN THAT THE ENVIRONMENT WILL BE CHILD-FRIENDLY
- TELL YOUR CHILD THEY WILL BE WITH MOMMY OR DADDY DURING THE ENTIRE VISIT
- TELL YOUR CHILD THERE WILL BE OTHER ADULTS AROUND TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE OK AND SAFE
- REGARDLESS OF YOUR OWN CONCERNS, FEARS, OR ANGER ABOUT THE SUPERVISED VISIT, TRY TO MAKE IT PLEASANT FOR YOUR CHILD(REN)

OUR JOB IN PROVIDING SUPERVISED VISITS IS TO HELP MAKE THE SEPARATION LESS TRAUMATIC AND HELP CHILDREN BUILD AND MAINTAIN HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WITH VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE-THEIR PARENTS



INFORMATION SHEET

If Supervised Visitation or Monitored Exchange has been court ordered at The Visitation Center, you can expect the following:

- Visits or Exchanges will not begin until both parents have completed the Parent Questionnaire, returned it to The Visitation Center, and completed their intake with a Visitation Center representative.
- Enclosed in this packet, you will find a copy of the Parent Questionnaire. Fill it out completely, and mail it to the address at the top of the form. Then, call The Visitation Center at 897-9204 to set up an intake appointment.
- At the intake appointment, rules of the center will be reviewed, fees assigned by the judge will be discussed, and the scheduling of visits will be addressed.
- The Visitation Center will not make recommendations to the courts. We are there to observe and report on the visit, not make custody or visitation decisions. All decisions in the case, are made by the judge. The Visitation Center can not change the order, e.g. waive the assigned fees or add more hours to the visit.
- Scheduled appointments are court ordered. Failure to keep them will be considered non-compliance with a court order. Continuous cancellations by either party may result in the termination of visits until further recommendation from the court.
- Two “no shows” or failures to contact The Visitation Center of a cancellation in advance, will result in a termination of all visits or exchanges until further order from the judge.
- All directives of the staff must be followed, while at The Visitation Center.
- Smoking is not allowed on property.
- Parents will not be allowed to address adult issues, such as court proceedings, with the child(ren), nor make promises to the child(ren) about future living arrangements or unsupervised visits. Promising the children gifts at future visits will also not be tolerated.
- No child will be transported to or from The Visitation Center without the use of appropriate safety child restraints.
- Our primary responsibility is safety of the child(ren) who are served by The Visitation Center. We are required by law to report any reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect.



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PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete and return to: The Visitation Center
P.O. Box 414
St. Petersburg, Florida 33731.

1. Court Case Number: _____ Custodial Parent? Y N
2. Parent Name: _____
3. Home Address: _____

4. Mailing Address (if different): _____

5. Home Phone: _____
6. Work Phone: _____
7. Pager Number: _____
8. Child/Children's Name(s), Ages and Date of Birth: _____

9. What information about your child/children do you think would be helpful to The Visitation Center? _____

10. Why do you feel supervised visitation or monitored exchange has been ordered?

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

**IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR
PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Case # _____

IN RE: THE MATTER OF

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

ORDER FOR MONITORED EXCHANGE FOR VISITATION

After hearing evidence that established that the parties have not or cannot pick up and drop off their child/ren for visitation in a neutral manner or at an agreeable location which is safe for the children physically and emotionally, the Court hereby orders the parties to use the Visitation Center Monitored Exchange Program services for:

	_____	_____
	(Name)	(Age)
Children:	_____	_____
	(Name)	(Age)
	_____	_____
	(Name)	(Age)

It is hereby ORDERED and ADJUDGED that

1. The parties shall schedule a monitored exchange intake appointment within 10 days by contacting the Visitation Center at (727) 897-9204.
2. The monitored exchange will take place bi-weekly, and will continue until further order of the court, unless otherwise ordered.

OR:

Other: _____

3. The cost of this service is

A. \$16.00 per weekend OR B. Waived

and it will be paid by both parents, \$8.00 each, prior to the visit, unless "waived" is circled above.

The failure to pay may result in the Court issuing a judgment against the responsible party.

The parties shall follow the Rules and directives of the staff of the Visitation Center and law enforcement agency at the Center.

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5. The parties shall notify the Visitation Center if they cannot keep a scheduled appointment. Failure to do so will result in the parties being required to pay for the appointment.
6. The Visitation Center and law enforcement personnel at the Visitation Center shall implement this Order by all lawful means to accomplish its purpose in providing safe and regular contact between the child/ren and parents. Reports of exchanges shall be submitted to the Court when requested by the Court or upon subpoena by a party. The Visitation Center may submit status reports to the Court as needed or upon request of the Court.
7. Either party may schedule a hearing before the undersigned Judge to review this Order and compliance with it.

DONE AND ORDERED at Pinellas County, Florida, this ____ day of _____ .

Circuit Judge

cc: