



Family Resource Center
Supervised Visitation Center



Supervised Visitation Parent Handbook Family Law Clients

Family Resource Center Supervised Visitation Center (FRCSVC) is a home-like setting where, under supervision of trained professionals, families can maintain their relationships and attachments while separated from each other due to court involvement.

Children can benefit from safe visits or custody exchanges with their non-custodial parent even when their pasts may have included bad experiences or limited contact.

Visits may assist in:

- Decreasing the child's feelings of rejection
- Reducing the child's fear of not seeing that parent again
- Lessening the child's self-blame
- Resolving of some issues the child may have with that parent
- Continuing the very important parent /child relationship

Children's Bill of Rights

- 1.) I have the right to love whom I choose without guilt, pressure or rejection.
- 2.) I have the right to love as many people as I want (step-parents, relatives, etc.) without guilt or being made to feel disloyal.
- 3.) I have the right to be parented by both parents, regardless of grownup wants and wishes regarding convenience, money, or their feelings. I own parenting time; it is my right, not the right of my parents.
- 4.) I have the right to express my feelings about the breakup, such as sadness or fear.
- 5.) I have the right to not choose sides or be asked to decide where I want to live. I can never be forced to choose between parents.
- 6.) I have the right to not make adult decisions.
- 7.) I have the right to remain a child, without being asked to take on parental responsibilities or be an adult companion, friend, or a comforter to my parents.
- 8.) I have the right to be treated as an interested and affected person and not as a pawn or possession.
- 9.) I have the right to receive love, care, discipline, and protection from both parents.
- 10.) I have the right to the most adequate level of economic support that can be provided by the best efforts of both parents.

The purpose of this packet is to prepare you for your future orientation appointment. Visiting Parent, Residential Parent, & Child(ren) must complete an orientation prior to visits starting.

What to expect at your Orientation Appointment:

- You will be given a tour of the Visitation Center.
- Policies and Procedures will be explained in detail.
- Program forms and releases will be explained and signed.
- A Financial Screening will be completed. There will be time for discussion and clarification as well as any questions you may have.

*Please be prepared to be at your appointment for at least one hour. Consultation during intake is private and **only** client listed on referral form will be included in this process. Other adults and their children may stay in waiting room.

What to bring to your Orientation Appointment:

- Your Driver's License or a State-Issued Identification Card
- Any questions you have about our supervised visitation program
- Financially responsible party will need income verification (most recent tax return, pay stubs)
- The following collateral documents:
 - Copies of referral documents (including court orders or agreements) and endorsements
 - Criminal records and/or orders of protection
 - Probation or bail conditions
 - Assessment reports
 - Current photo identification
 - Proof of income
 - Child health information

We look forward to meeting you at your Orientation Appointment and providing your family a safe and neutral environment for supervised visits

Sincerely,
Family Resource Center Staff

The mission of the Family Resource Center is the prevention of child abuse in all its forms: physical, sexual, emotional, and neglect in Gordon County, Georgia.

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