

Visitation Center Rules and Guidelines

1. Parents and children will arrive at the scheduled time for their visits. The birth parent must arrive at the Visitation Center 15 minutes prior to scheduled visitation time.
2. Parents will contact the Visitation Center at least twenty-four hours before a visit is to begin if cancellation is necessary.
3. In the event of an unavoidable emergency such as sudden illness, the parties will contact the Visitation Center as soon as possible. Repeated incidents of sudden illness may have to be verified by a licensed health care provider.
4. Arrival and departure of the birth parent and the foster parent will be at different times. If following or harassing occurs before a visit, participants may be banned from the center.
5. Parent will obtain appropriate authorization before bringing any additional visitor(s) to the visit. Prior notification from county DFCS or juvenile court is required.
6. The Visitation Center is a tobacco-free facility. Any tobacco use must occur in the designated location.
7. Profanity, loud talk, ridiculing or name-calling is not allowed during a visit. Negative comments about the other parent, caretaker, child or siblings are not allowed. Discussion of court cases, social workers, or plans for the future are not permitted.
8. The contact between the visiting adult and child(ren) shall be monitored at all times. Use of foreign language(s) and/or words unfamiliar to the monitor are prohibited. Conversation between visiting parent and child shall be appropriate at all times. If staff determines it is not appropriate, the visit will be ended immediately.
9. No guns, knives, or weapons may be brought to the center for any reason.
10. Use of illegal substances, non-prescription drugs or alcohol before or during visits is prohibited. Participants will be asked to submit to drug testing if it is believed they are under the influence. Staff reserves the right to terminate a visit for believed intoxication.
11. Clients may not threaten to or commit any violent act or break any court order during a supervised visit, including the transitions before and after.
12. Corporal punishment (spanking, whipping, etc.) is not permitted.
13. No pets are allowed at the visitation center. Cell phone use during visits is prohibited.
14. Each family is expected to clean the visitation room before they leave.
15. Written records of observations during supervised visits will be maintained and are submitted to DFCS and/or the court monthly.
16. Staff reserves the right to terminate a visit for any inappropriate behavior.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the above guidelines, or that they have been read to me. I have received a copy and I agree to follow the rules as set forth above.

Signature of Visiting Adults

Date

Signature of Program Staff

Date