

Enhanced Supervised Visitation

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How can the Enhanced Supervised Visitation Program help your family?

What is Enhanced Supervised Visitation?

Enhanced Supervised Visitation provides interactive supervised visits to assist parents in improving their ability to meet their children's needs. Through supportive, targeted, hands-on skill building, enhanced visitation can help a parent gain increased time with their children and eventually, regain custody. The program utilizes a strengths-based approach by assisting parents in identifying those positive skills they do possess and building upon them.

How does Enhanced Supervised Visitation assist in the family reunification process?

Enhanced Supervised Visitation provides a system of increased visitation for families whose children have been placed in foster care. The program assists parents develop written goals to meet their children's needs and on-site family coaches encourage parents to build the skills necessary to meet those goals. The program also offers visits occurring both in a visitation center and in the home or community to which the child(ren) is expected to return.

Who are the staff?

Program staff are trained professionals with expertise in child development and child welfare matters, and are trained in the identification of child abuse.

How is a family referred?

All families are referred to the program through the Suffolk County Department of Social Services.

When and how are the visits facilitated?

Initial visits occur as soon as possible to reduce trauma for the children. A Family Coach works individually with parents to provide directed intervention and coaching as needed. Parents are guided through the process of identifying their children's needs during pre-visit meetings, and then assisted in remaining focused on those needs throughout the visit. Parents also learn to acknowledge how their own needs can interfere with meeting their children's needs. Parents are encouraged to bring healthy snacks for their children, provide them with physical reassurance (hugging) as appropriate, assist their children with homework, and discuss problems their children may be facing in their daily lives. We also assist parents in obtaining parent education classes, which are provided on site at various times and days of the week.



How long does it take to complete the program?

During post-visit meetings, the parent and family coach review the visit, offering the parent feedback on their interaction with their child. Specific goals to work during the next visit are then determined and discussed.

As the visits progress, the duration of each visit is extended and the visits may transition back into the home and the community. Periodic conferences with all parties are held to review progress and establish new goals.

The visitation center is also used as a place for caseworker contacts to occur. Caseworkers are encouraged to participate in the planning process and to offer suggestions and information to staff.



Where do the visits take place?

The visits occur in a child friendly setting. The visitation rooms are designed specifically in areas that are safe and vibrant for the children. The Supervised Visitation Center is located at:

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