



Foster Care and Community Programs Supervised Visitation – Indiana

Description

Kids grow in the context of supportive relationships. Kids are helped most by people closest to them. Mothers and fathers are the single most powerful support system for kids. It is the fundamental right of children to visit with their parents and siblings. Visit facilitation is provided between parents/children and/or siblings who have been separated due to placement in a KidsPeace foster home and are in need of reunification services, or are separated from siblings and in need of an environment for supervised contact with siblings.

The visitation supervisor will provide a positive atmosphere where parents and children may interact in a safe, structured environment. Visitation may be held in a visitation facility; neutral sites such as parks, fast food restaurants with playgrounds or shopping malls; child's own home or relative's home; foster home; or other location as deemed appropriate by the referring Department of Child Services (DCS) and other parties involved in the child's case, taking into consideration the child's physical safety and emotional well being.

Population Served

The program serves males and females from birth to age 21 who are currently placed in a KidsPeace FCCP foster home. The program is not available at this time for children who are residing outside of KidsPeace FCCP foster care.

Services provided by KidsPeace

KidsPeace staff members assist the family by monitoring, strengthening, teaching, demonstrating and/or role modeling appropriate skills in the following areas:

- Establishing and/or strengthening the parent-child relationship
- Instructing parents in child care skills such as feeding, diapering, administering medication if necessary, proper hygiene
- Teaching positive affirmations, praising when appropriate
- Providing instruction about child development stages, current and future
- Teaching age-appropriate discipline
- Teaching positive parent-child interaction through conversation and play
- Providing opportunities for snack and meal prep with children present
- Responding to child's questions & requests
- Teaching safety regarding age-appropriate toys, climbing, running, jumping or other safety issues, depending on the environment
- Managing needs of children of differing ages at the same time
- Helping parents gain confidence in meeting their children's needs
- Identifying and assessing potentially stressful situations between parents and their children
- Giving parents an opportunity to decide whether they are willing and able to pursue reunification.

At each visit, the visitation facilitator will accurately document for the referring DCS the following information:

- Date, location and level of supervision of visit
- Those in attendance at the visit
- Time of arrival and departure of all parties for the visit
- Greeting and departure interaction between parent and child/children
- Positive interactions between parent and child
- Planned activities by the parent for visit
- Interventions required, if any, and parent's response to direction provided with regard to interventions
- Ability and willingness of parent to meet child's needs as requested by child or facilitator

For additional information or admission, please contact:

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- Recommendation regarding level of supervision of follow-up visits based on ongoing demonstration of ability by the parents and comfort level of the child/children
- Tasks given to the parent to be completed prior to or at the next visit, etc.

Visit Supervisor

Each visit supervisor has a Bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, sociology or a directly related area and is under the direct weekly supervision of a person holding a Master's degree in Social Work, Psychology, Sociology or a directly related field.

Hours of Operation

Office hours for referrals are Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. via discussion with the assigned KidsPeace Family Consultant.

Visitation hours are dependent upon scheduling and space availability. In most cases, they will occur Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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