

SUPERVISED VISITATION at the

HOPE COUNCIL

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Prior to beginning any paperwork or starting any processes for Supervised Visitation at the Hope Council, a \$50 administrative fee must be paid. In the absence of a court order to the contrary, the Hope Council determines that the party responsible for all payments is the non-custodial parent.

Paperwork must be completed and returned to the Hope Council by both parties. Once the \$50 administrative fee is paid, and paperwork is received from both parties, the Supervised Visitation Coordinator will move forward with scheduling visitations.

Please carefully read through all the documents.

The following documents are for your information only; they do not have to be returned:

- General Information

Please complete and return these documents:

- Authorization for Release of Information
- Intake Form
- Policies

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GENERAL INFORMATION

What is Supervised Visitation?

In an effort to reunite and/or maintain relationships in families involved in custody and visitation disputes, absentee parents wanting to return to their children's lives, and separation from the children due to issues of domestic abuse, incarceration, child abuse and neglect, mental health, and/or substance abuse, the Hope Council offers the Supervised Visitation Program. Supervised Visitation allows a parent and child/children to visit and interact together in a safe supervised setting. Notes are taken but the worker does not interact with parties during the visits.

What is the referral process?

The completed paperwork must be returned to the office. There are three forms (Intake Form, Authorization for Release of Information and Policies) that must be completed.

Are there any fees involved?

Yes. There is a one-time \$50 administrative fee, and there is a fee per hour for visits (refer to policies for more information). The responsible party for paying the fee is typically determined by the courts. Only cash is accepted as payment.

Does there need to be a Court Order?

There does not need to be a court order. However, if there is one, please enclose a copy with the returned paperwork if possible.

How long before my first visit is scheduled?

Due to the phone calls and scheduling, it could take up to four weeks before the first visit takes place.

What is the visitation schedule?

We try to be flexible in order to facilitate the visitation. The goal is permanent time slots! Once a time slot is scheduled, that is the time slot that will be maintained.

How long will I have to visit at the Hope Council?

Most visits begin at one hour each week with the possibility to increase time. As for the longevity in the program, that is a decision that is never made by the program.

Who decides when visits will move away from the Hope Council?

That is the responsibility of the professionals involved and the parents involved.

Where do visits take place?

Visits only take place at the Hope Council at 6103 39th Avenue, Kenosha. There are no community visits.

Is transportation provided?

No, we do not provide transportation.