

Our Mission:



Provide a neutral, safe and healthy interactive environment for children and their parents.

Prevent further violence to victims of abuse.

Protect children from witnessing arguments, hostility, or violence between parents.

Promote both the well-being and sense of security for children, as well as the promotion of non-violent and cooperative relationships between parents and healthy non-violent parent-child relationships.

Harmony Visitation Center

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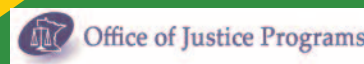
A Program Of:

 **Safe Avenues**
For healing, justice and peace



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A helping hand for families!





Supervised Visits:

The purpose of supervised visits is: to provide children safe access to their non-custodial parent(s); to reduce the risk of children's further exposure to harm in cases of domestic violence, sexual abuse, or child abuse; to maintain the parent-child connection and preserve the continuity of that relationship; to improve the parent's ability to communicate and make decisions with the best interest of the child in mind; to foster emotional and behavioral well-being of the child; to assure the child that he/she has not been abandoned; to improve parenting skills through staff modeling and education; to provide opportunities to heal damaged relationships; and to maintain connections to the child's cultural heritage (McMahon, 2007). A staff person is with the family at all times to observe and objectively document all interaction between children and their parents.

Program Information:

Harmony Visitation Center (HVC) is a member of the Minnesota and International Supervised Visitation Networks (SVN), which sets standards and guidelines for the operation of visitation programs. Trained staff conduct services, with the primary focus on the safety and comfort of the children. Fees for service are assessed in accordance with an income-based sliding fee scale. Daytime, evening and weekend services are available. No off-site services are provided. To begin services, each parent must contact HVC at 320-214-0799 to schedule an intake. Once intakes are completed, parents will be able to begin scheduling. All services are by appointment only.

Semi-Supervised Visits

When deemed appropriate, semi-supervised visits are an alternative to fully supervised visitation. During semi-supervised visits, staff are not with the family constantly, but periodically check in during the visit and are available as a resource if needed. Semi-supervised visits can serve as a stepping stone for families transitioning from supervised visits to unsupervised contact.



Supervised Exchanges:

Monitored exchanges are available to families when there are no concerns about the child's safety when spending time with the non-custodial parent, but there are concerns about the child witnessing hostility between parents during the transfer. During monitored exchanges, HVC staff transfer the child from one parent to another, thus eliminating the risk of the child witnessing hostility or abuse between parents, as the parents do not have any contact with each other.

