

MONITORED EXCHANGE

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What is Monitored Exchange?

The Monitored Exchange program provides a safe, hassle-free way for parents to exchange children for visitation. The exchange takes place at Family Ties through a third party so the parents have no contact with each other. Monitored exchange provides for ongoing positive interaction between parent and child while safeguarding the physical and emotional well-being of all family members.

WHO NEEDS THE MONITORED EXCHANGE PROGRAM?

- **Children** who need access to both parents without witnessing physical and/or emotional abuse.
- **Parents** who can ensure visitation for their child(ren) while avoiding face-to-face contact with the other parent which might lead to physical or emotional abuse.
- **Attorneys** who need a means of promoting the safe exchange of children for visitation.
- **The Court** which needs to enforce statutes mandating children's continuing relationships with both parents, while ensuring the safety and well-being of all parties involved.

HOW DOES MONITORED EXCHANGE WORK?

Every other weekend parents exchange the child(ren) for visitation on Saturday morning and then return the child(ren) on late Sunday afternoon. Parents must agree to cooperate with the program. The parent must:

- bring child(ren) on time on Saturday
- return child(ren) promptly on Sunday
- come alone to Family Ties to deliver and pick up the child(ren)

ABOUT THE EXCHANGE SUPERVISORS:

The Monitored Exchange Supervisors are people who realize that this is a difficult situation for each person involved. All have been trained and are continually learning more about making each visit a safe and positive experience for the child(ren). The Supervisor will ensure that the parents have no contact with each other.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The cost is \$15.00 per weekend, to be split equally between the parents. The judge may waive the costs of monitored exchange in some cases.

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

Monitored exchange takes place at Cherokee School near downtown Orlando. A map will be mailed to both parents.

MONITORED EXCHANGE ACCOMPLISHES...

- eliminates contact between parents where there is a history of domestic violence or antagonistic behavior so that future violence can be avoided
- prevents children from being victimized by exposure to inappropriate behavior
- monitors parents who have had a history of substance abuse to ensure their sobriety before exercising visitation rights



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Family Ties

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