

SUPERVISED VISITATION PROGRAM



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FAMILY TIES
SUPERVISED
VISITATION
ORANGE COUNTY

REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this program, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact:

**Court Administration
Orange County Courthouse
425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 213
Orlando, Florida 32801
ADA Phone: (407) 836-6070**

If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711



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HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Visits are scheduled for two hours every other weekend on either Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons. Each parent commits to cooperate with the following program guidelines of supervision:

- Parent brings child(ren) promptly for each visit
- Parental visitation is planned, positive and safe
- Parents don't criticize each other in front of the child(ren)

The purpose of Supervised Visitation is to provide children a chance to be with mom or dad in a safe, secure and comfortable environment.

Participation is by court order only.



WHAT IS A SUPERVISED VISITATION?

Supervised Visitation is a safe, hassle-free two-hour visit between a non-custodial parent and his/her child(ren) under the supervision of a compassionate, trained adult who protects the child(ren) from any form of harm, threat or manipulation.

WHO DOES THE PROGRAM SERVE?



- Children denied access to one of their parents
- Parents denied access to their child(ren)
- Parents who fear for the safety of their child(ren) in the presence of the other parent
- Attorneys looking for a safe, acceptable method of visitation
- The Court which needs to enforce statutes mandating children's continued relationships with both parents, while ensuring the safety and well-being of the child(ren)

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The cost of Supervised Visitation is set by the judge. Costs could be waived in some cases.

ABOUT THE SUPERVISORS

The Visitation Supervisors (Observers) are people who realize that this is a difficult situation for each person involved. All Observers have been trained and are continually learning more about making each visit a healthy and positive experience for the children.

The Observer will never leave the child(ren) alone during the visitation - always keeping each child within sight and/or sound as ordered by the Court. At least one Deputy Sheriff is always present when Family Ties is in operation.



WHERE DO EXCHANGES TAKE PLACE?

Supervised Visitation will take place at Cherokee School near downtown Orlando. Map will be provided during Orientation.

