



Release and Compliance Policy Supervised Visitation.

Your child is coming to our Parenting Skills Center to participate with a supervised visit as mandated by the court system. The intent of this program is to provide the supervised parent(s) and child(ren) with a secure and comfortable home-type setting to engage in a family visitation

Our staff will be observing the visit to assure that compliance with court mandates is upheld. We choose not to look through windows or cameras, but be in close proximity while offering as much respect to the visit as possible. Staff will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding appropriate interaction, but no questions pertinent to your case or family situation will be discussed.

During the session the parents must be aware that the supervisor is a mandated reporter of abuse and will call police and/ or Cumberland County Children and Youth if any behavior meets the criteria of reportable actions.

At any point in the session if the clinician feels the parent or child is speaking or behaving in a manor that puts the child in danger or discomfort, physically, mentally or emotionally the visit will be immediately ended. Our supervisors reserve the right to use their judgment when making this decision. If you disagree with their judgment, we will allow you to discuss that at another time with our agency director and will not be discussed in front of the children at that moment. We would advise parents to stay away from any topic pertaining to a court case, including any discussion of any other party in your case, or any time frame in which the child(ren) will be returning home. If the child asks questions, and you are uncomfortable with a response, we suggest you provide some assurance, "You don't have to worry about that now, and lets just enjoy or visit today". Then redirect to another activity.

It is understood that while all actions, statements and behavior of supervised parent and child are documented, No information is released without proper subpoena and/or mental health court order. The only information released following a visit will be in the form of an incident report and **ONLY** if something occurred in the visit that we feel was of significance to the child, i.e. emotional outburst/prolonged discontent, inappropriate verbal or physical interaction. Information may be released regarding attendance. Acceptance of this service indicates you understand this and the above policies and accept its conditions.

Release of Information:

I have read the above supervised visitation policy and understand that information about these sessions may be released to the custodial parent/lawyer/judge only in the event that the supervisor feels there is an incident of emotional or physical concern. My signature acknowledges this and permits the sharing of such pertinent information regarding these sessions as well as information regarding attendance at the sessions

Parent

Date

Acceptance of Service:

I have read the above supervised visitation policy and understand the purpose and function of this service. I agree to the above policy and procedures as described and give permission for my child to participate in this program.

Parent

Date