

Release and Compliance Policy Supervised Visitation.

You are participating in our Parenting Skills Center regarding supervised visitation as mandated by the court system, or agreed upon by you and custodial party. 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. If there is no order, ABC will not mediate disputes, Parents must agree, or have the court direct conflicts. ABC will focus only on assuring visits are positive and comfortable for the children, we do not judge purpose of visitation.

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

At any point in the session if the clinician feels the parent is not responding to staffs prompts to adjust behavior, and/or 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 all actions, statements and behavior of supervised parent and child are documented in the form of a data collection tool. No data sheets are released for any reason. If the court requests a summary of services one will be provided based on the data collected. Information is released to **BOTH** parties, and is not considered an assessment or evaluation of parenting, only a description of observations. 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.

Only 1 summary is offered every 90 days if requested by the court/attorney/client. Additional documentation is charged at a \$50 fee per occurrence. **BOTH** parties receive a copy of the progress report when submitted.

ABC STAFF WILL NOT TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF EITHER PARTY IN COUSTODIAL HEARINGS NOR MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CUSTODY OR UNSUPERVISED VISITATION.

Release of Information & Acceptance of Service:

I accept the service as described above, and I have received a detailed orientation book defining them. I have read the above supervised visitation policy and understand that information about these sessions may be released to the custodial parent/lawyer/judge regarding visitation progress and incidence.

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

Initials

Received Orientation Booklet