

GUIDELINES/EXPECTATIONS FOR VISITATION

1. Be on time for the visit so that your child will not worry that you are not coming. Being late will shorten the amount of time you spend with your child. If you are more than 15 minutes late, the visit will be cancelled and not rescheduled.
2. Come prepared for your visit. This includes bringing all necessary supplies such as diapers, wipes, formula, healthy snack, activities etc. If visit is over a meal time, please bring along a healthy meal to share with your child. If you are unsure or have questions about what to bring, talk with your social worker or supervised visit worker before the visit.
3. End the visit on time. Long good-byes can be upsetting to your child. Clean up should begin 10 minutes before the scheduled end time. Clean up includes wiping down tables, vacuuming floor, putting toys back in bins/shelves, emptying trash if dirty diapers or left over food was placed in bin.
4. Be emotionally calm. If you are upset, this will upset your child.
5. Remember that this time is for your child. Talk with your child about such things as his/her interests and activities in the home and school. Limit conversations with others present at visits (such as social worker or supervised visit worker) and avoid making promises to your child about the future.
6. Provide simple answers to your child's questions. If you are unsure about how to answer questions, talk to your social worker.
7. Plan an activity that your child enjoys that involves the family talking and doing things together and that does not cost money. (For example, reading books aloud, playing games, coloring, baking cookies (if visit is in your home), going for a walk or to the park, etc.). If you need ideas, please talk to your social worker or the supervised visitation worker.
8. Give gifts only on "special" occasions (birthdays or holidays).
9. Change of location for visits may be possible with prior approval (minimum of 24 hour notice) of worker supervising visits.
10. If your child needs to be redirected, use a calm but stern voice rather than yelling or using physical discipline. Model the behavior you would like to see. If you are having a difficult time redirecting your child(ren), ask the supervising worker or social worker for assistance.

11. If you have concerns about your child's care/wellbeing (clothing, cleanliness, supervision, etc), please discuss these concerns with your social worker after the visit when the child is not present. The supervised visitation worker can assist you in making a phone call if necessary.
12. If you have concerns about your case or those involved in your case, please discuss these concerns with your social worker after the visit when the child is not present. The supervised visitation worker can assist you in making a phone call if necessary. Again, these visits are for you to spend time with your child. Make the most of this opportunity and save adult conversations for outside of visitation time.

Additional expectations include:

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3. _____
4. _____

REASONS A VISIT MAY BE CANCELLED, SHORTENED OR STOPPED:

1. Use of physical discipline.
2. Inability to control anger or emotional outbursts.
3. Being more than 15 minutes late to your visit.
4. Exposing your child to sexual materials or behavior.
5. Bringing other individuals to a visit who have not been approved by the social worker or are not on the family interaction plan. This includes other children, relatives, significant others, etc.
6. Spending excessive time on your cell phone rather than interacting with your child.
7. Sleeping during your visit.

8. Bringing any type of weapon (knife/gun/etc.) to a visit, even if you have a concealed carry permit.
9. Making any threats of harm (direct or indirect) towards any individual.
10. Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol during a visit.

I have read or have had these expectations read to me and understand these guidelines. I understand that my failure to follow these guidelines could result in change to the length of visits or the level of supervision.

Parent's Signature

Date

Staff Person

Date