

WHAT IS SUPERVISED VISITATION?

Supervised Visitation refers to contact between a non-custodial parent and child(ren) in the presence of a third person who is responsible for observing and seeking to ensure the safety of those involved.

WHAT IS A 'SAFE EXCHANGE'?

Safe Exchange assist parents/guardians in the transfer of minor children from one to the other for visitation and/or custody. Are you currently involved in a custody dispute? Do you and your partner fight when you exchange your children? Are you scared for your safety when you meet your partner to exchange your child? The Safe Exchange service can help.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchanges are designed to assure that the child(ren) may have safe contact with both parents. It is a tool that can help families as they go through a difficult time.

Visitation and exchange arrangements are provided by a neutral and objective professional who can verify parent-child interaction. They are scheduled on a regular basis and confidentiality is of utmost importance.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

FOR THE CHILDREN:

Allow child(ren) to maintain a positive relationship with both parents while protecting them from harm and reducing stress for all parties.

FOR THE PARENTS:

Supervised Visitations and exchanges allow no opportunity for contact between parents.

YWCA Crisis Center Current Services:

- **Emergency Shelter** is a safe haven for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and their dependent children.
- **24-Hour Crisis Line** offers crisis intervention, information, referral, and safety planning for callers.
- **Group & Individual Counseling** for victims of traumatic events.
- **Parenting Education & Life Skills**
- **My Sister's Closet** provides clothing and household items for individuals in need
- **Sexual Assault Response Advocates** provide support and information to a victim and family members during the sexual assault examination.
- **Court Advocates** assist with obtaining court orders, and are available to accompany victims to court hearings
- **Community Education & Outreach**

OUR MISSION

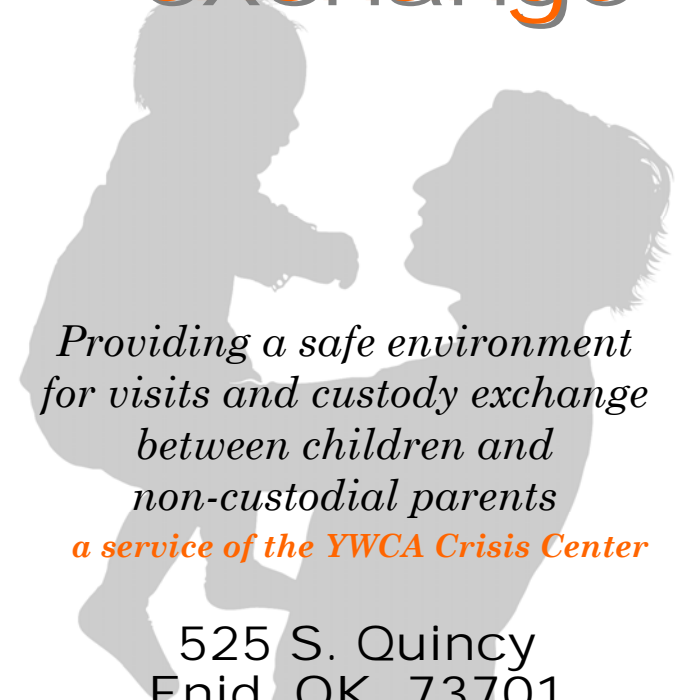
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Providing a safe environment for visits and custody exchange between children and non-custodial parents

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How YWCA Supervised Visitations Work

- 1) Each parent should call the YWCA during regular business hours to request supervised visitation services. An appointment will be made with the Visitation Supervisor.
- 2) During the initial appointment, information will be taken and intake forms will be completed. Visitation/Exchange times and rules will be discussed. The Visitation/Exchange Supervisor will determine the designated day and time.
- 3) Participants are asked to supply the following documents at the initial appointment:
 - Completed Intake Forms
 - Court Orders
 - Protective Orders (if applicable)
 - DHS Service Plans (if applicable)
- 4) The necessary type of visitation will be determined by the Visitation Supervisor:

Types of Visitations:

- Monitored Exchanges
 - On-Site Minimally Monitored Visits
 - On-Site Continuously Monitored Visits
- 5) Documentation during visitation will consist of arrival times, missed appointments and interactions between children and involved parties. Any and all inappropriate behavior will be documented and reported to the appropriate agencies.

YWCA RULES FOR SUPERVISED VISITATION

- 1) There will be **absolutely no contact** between parents while on YWCA property. Parties are **not** to be in the YWCA building at the same time while exchanging the child for visitation.
- 2) Physical and/or verbal abuse will **not** be allowed.
- 3) Physical discipline is not allowed.
- 4) If either parent has an odor or appearance or manifests symptoms of alcohol or drug use, the visitation will be canceled.
- 5) The child will always remain under the direct supervision of the Visitation Supervisor.
- 6) The Visitation Supervisor will accompany the child to the restroom.
- 7) The parties involved will not question the Visitation Supervisor regarding the other party.
- 8) Only the visiting party will be allowed to have contact with the child during visitations.
- 9) The Visitation Supervisor will set the visitation appointments.
- 10) This program has the authority to discontinue client's visitation services at any time.
- 11) Any problems that occur during visitations will be documented and reported to appropriate authorities.
- 12) Berating of the other parent and soliciting information regarding the other parent will not be tolerated.
- 13) No phone calls are allowed during visitation. Cell phones will be turned off.
- 14) Smoking is prohibited on YWCA property



Activities for all ages in a safe, comfortable and engaging environment!

DAYS & SESSION LENGTHS

- Monday through Friday
- 1 hour; 1 1/2 hours ; 2 hours

Limited availability for weekend and evenings visits and exchanges

CANCELLATION POLICY:

If a parent has to cancel, a 24-hour notice will be given by calling the Visitation Supervisor. If the visit is canceled, the Visitation Supervisor will call the other party to give notice of cancellation. No explanation will be given to either party regarding the reason for cancellation. If cancellations become excessive, the supervised visitation will be terminated and proper authorities will be notified.

Parents may help defray costs of the visitation program by giving monetary donations to the YWCA