

Supervised Visitation Information for Mediators

Services provided at the Merrimack County Visitation Center:

-**Fully supervised visits:** A trained visitation supervisor is with the family to observe the interaction and conversation between the parent and the child 100% of the visit time. The parent and child will not be left alone together. These visits take place on site at the MCVC facility.

- **Semi supervised visits:** A trained visitation supervisor will be assigned to the visit, but only have minimal involvement with family and is there to occasionally monitor the interaction between the parent and child. These visits take place on site at the MCVC facility.

- **Supervised exchanges:** These exchanges are designed to keep parents separated while staff facilitates the exchange of their children. The visiting parent will leave the MCVC facility for an off-site unmonitored visit and then return at a specified time for a return exchange (if necessary).

-**Nurturing Parenting Program (New – 2019):** A new innovative program designed to empower parents and parent educators in creating customized, competency based parenting education programs to meet the specific needs of families. The lessons, each lasting approximately 30 minutes, are intended to either precede a supervised visitation, or be incorporated into the visit. The goal of this program is to not only allow the family the safety and structure of a supervised visit, but to incorporate parenting education, skill building, and to increase nurturing behaviors within the family.

Reasons for Referrals: The MCVC will accommodate referrals from any source, for any reason, however, the most common reasons for referral are:

- Domestic violence/Restraining Orders
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Health Concerns
- Child Abuse/Neglect
- Sexual Abuse
- Abduction
- Reunification

Safety and Security: The MCVC provides the following safety and security measures:

- On site armed Deputy from the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office during all visitation and exchange times.
- Two walk-through metal detectors
- Hand-held metal detecting wands
- Fully functional camera and audio system in all rooms and parking areas
- Separate parking areas, entrances and waiting areas
- Staggered arrival and departure times to keep parties separate
- Breathalyzer for concerns of alcohol impairment

Availability: The MCVC typically does not run a waitlist for families inside of Merrimack County. For families outside of Merrimack County, please call to inquire about availability and fees. The MCVC has office hours Tuesday – Sunday and provides visitation and exchange services Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The MCVC does not recommend orders or agreements specify specific visit days in order to allow the Center flexibility in scheduling.

The Merrimack County Visitation Center's Nurturing Parenting Program for Supervised Visitation

Nurturing Parenting Skills for Families in Supervised Visitation is an innovative program designed to empower parents and parent educators in creating customized, competency based parenting programs to meet the specific needs of families. The lessons, each lasting approximately 30 minutes, are intended to either precede a supervised visitation, or be incorporated into the visit.

- Designed to increase a parent's participation and commitment to supervised visitation.
- Parents will work with staff to identify their family's specific needs and a lesson plan will be individually developed, agreed upon and implemented unique to each family's needs.
- Length of the program will be determined by collaboration with parents, staff and if necessary, the referring party or agency.
- The Nurturing Parenting Program is used in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.
- Evidenced based program based on the Nurturing Parenting Programs for Parents and their Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers, and Parents and Their School Aged Children. More Information can be found at nurturingparenting.com.

The Merrimack County Visitation Center is committed to providing a safe space for children to have meaningful contact with their parent(s).

Whether the family is in need of a safe place to conduct child exchanges or a more structured supervised setting for a visit, we can help!



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333 Daniel Webster Highway, Suite 3, Boscawen, New Hampshire

603-796-6880



www.MCVC.net

Merrimack County Visitation Center Information for Referring Agents

We provide the following services to families where there are concerns of domestic violence, child abuse, substance abuse, mental illness or those in need of reunification:

Supervised Visits
Semi-Supervised Visits
Supervised Exchanges

- Available evenings & weekends and for multiple visits per week
- No fees for residents of Merrimack County
- Fees for non-residents as well as additional information can be found at mcvc.net

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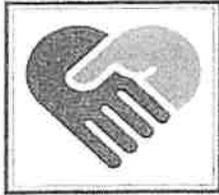
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Whether your family is in need of a safe place to conduct child exchanges or a more structured supervised setting for a visit, we can help keep your family safe.



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NURTURING PARENTING PROGRAM REFERRAL FORM

Referral Date: _____

Agency or Individual making referral:

CLIENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Custodial Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Town of Residence: _____

Phone Number: (____) - ____ - _____

Non-Custodial Parent Name: _____

Town of Residence: _____

Phone Number: (____) - ____ - _____

REASON FOR REFERRAL: THE CONSTRUCTS CHECKED BELOW WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NURTURING PARENTING PROGRAM CURRICULUM IN ADDITION TO ANY TOPICS IDENTIFIED IN THE FAMILY'S ASSESSMENT

- Child Abuse
- Child Neglect
- Substance Abuse
- Domestic Violence
- Other

Additional Information:

Please email to info@mvc.net or fax to 603-796-6842

