

Visitation Guidelines

I, _____, have received a copy of the following guidelines. The guidelines were developed, reviewed and explained so Professional Monitor's can provide Supervised Visitation Services required for my case. The guidelines are in compliance with the Court Orders and California Rules of Court 5.20

1. Times and length of the visits must be pre-arranged. The visiting parent may request a specific site for the visit, although the monitor will have the final say.
2. Custodial parent shall bring child to visit site fifteen minutes before scheduled visit. Visiting parent shall arrive promptly at scheduled time and leave site immediately after visit.
3. Custodial parent shall arrive promptly at the end of each visit to pick up child.
4. Custodial and visiting parent will adhere to Court Orders & monitor's guidance during scheduled visitation. Non-compliance with guidelines may lead to termination of services.
5. Professional monitor will provide verbal and written notification of incidents/situations that are violations of court orders and supervised visitation policies.
6. Only family members or friends authorized by the court may participate in visitation, and all must comply with these guidelines or they will be required to leave.
7. Family members must provide a recent photo of both parties and the child.
8. Professional Monitor will document events, activities and incidents that occur before, during and after Visitations. Notes will be used to develop summary and Supervised Visitation Reports. Notes and report will be part of client file.
9. The Professional Monitor will protect the safety of all parties during Supervised Visitations.
10. The Professional Monitor will intervene when necessary to prevent and/or resolve incidents and situations that are violations of Court Orders and Supervised Visitation guidelines.
11. If necessary the monitor will escort child(ren) to and from the restroom.
12. A substitute monitor will be provided when the primary monitor is not available due to medical/health problems, personal family emergencies or scheduled vacation.
13. The monitor will not allow un-authorized individuals to attend supervises visits.

Court Rules of Conduct

1. Monitor will be present at all times during visitation.
2. All contact between child and the visiting parent shall take place within monitors hearing and sight at all times.
3. Parents and children must speak English, unless otherwise specified, during visitation and must speak sufficiently loud for monitor to hear.
4. No threats of violence, spanking, hitting or threatening the child, or emotional, verbal or physical abuse.
5. Visiting parent may not question child about where he/she lives or attends school, or any other personal or identifying information.
6. No passing of correspondence, documents or messages to the other parent through child or monitor, and no service of court documents during visitation.
7. No sharing of detailed court information/documents with the child and/or making promises about future living arrangements of visitation modifications. Visit discussions should focus on the present to avoid pressure and/or disappointment.
8. No speaking negatively about the other parent, or his or her family members in front of the child, and no questions about the other parent's whereabouts or activities.
9. No permanent alterations of child during visitation without prior written consent of custodial parent. Alteration includes, but is not limited to, haircuts, tattoos, body or ear piercing.
10. No smoking in the presence of the child.
11. No weapons or any articles that could be used as a weapon at site of visitation.
12. No visitation shall take place while visiting parent appears to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. Visit will be terminated and report of visit termination will be made.
13. If monitor determines that rules of visit have been violated, the child has become acutely distressed, or the safety of the child or the provider is at risk, the visit may be temporarily interrupted, rescheduled at a later date, or terminated.
14. In instances of allegations of sexual abuse, no inappropriate touching of child or demands for physical contact. No tickling, prolonged hugging, kissing or holding child. No attempts to move child/children out of sight or hearing of monitor. No photographs, audio taping or videotaping of the child without prior written consent from custodial parent. No exchange of gifts, money or cards except on special occasion.

General Information

1. No confidential privilege exists. Any communication including conversations, letters, cards, etc. are not confidential.
2. I am a legally mandated reporter of suspected child abuse. If I have reason to suspect abuse I am required to make a report to the appropriate agency as provided by law.
3. The monitor and child will have signals in place in advance of the meeting in the event the child feels uncomfortable and wishes to interrupt or terminate the visit.
4. No giving of gifts is permitted with the exception of holidays when gifts are usually given.
5. Monitor will only convey information between parents regarding child's medical needs and/or visitations.
6. Unless medically authorized or prohibited, dietary requests are not monitored or enforced.
7. Custodial and visiting parents are required to meet the needs of the child during visitation times (i.e., bring diaper bag, baby food, change of clothes, etc.)
8. Monitor has emergency procedures and security measures in case of abduction.

Guidelines/Rules for Supervised Visitation

I have received a copy of the following Guidelines and Rules of Conduct, and General Information which have been explained to me by my monitor.

Printed name: _____

Custodial Parent Visiting Parent Designee

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Monitor Signature _____ Date _____

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