



Why are visits Important?

Children are often the unintended victims of parental altercations and family conflict. It is vital for a child to bond with family members to help shape positive childhood development and adult relationships which can last a lifetime. This is true even if such visitations require third party supervision.

Services can be self-referred, court-ordered or agency referred, and services are available regardless of residential address. The VEC can be used for many types of visitations, including:

- Non-residential Parent Visitation
- Step-Parent Visitation
- Grandparent Visitation
- Sibling Visitation
- Out-of-State Visitation
- Family Reintegration Visitation
- Foster Parent/Child Visitation
- Adoption Process Visitation

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Hours:
Wed. & Fri.
5:30pm-8:30pm
Sat. & Sun.
9:30am-5:30pm

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Members of the Supervised Visitation
Network
Members of the Kansas Network of
Visitation Providers

Meets standards and guidelines set by the
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Visitation & Exchange Center

Locations in
Lawrence, Topeka and Wichita



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TFI's Visitation and Exchange Center

TFI's Visitation and Exchange Center (VEC) is dedicated to providing families with a safe place to meet, play and interact. The VEC provides a neutral site for custody exchanges between parents and supervised visits for families dealing with divorce, separation, domestic violence, child abuse, protection orders, threats or family reintegration.

The VEC provides skilled staff to observe, facilitate, and positively intervene with visiting family members as they spend time with their children and trained security officers are on site during every visit and exchange. Toys and games are made available to the families to use during visits and exchanges in our clean, spacious visitation rooms. TFI's VEC locations serve families in Lawrence, Topeka, Wichita and the surrounding communities.

The Basics

Services provided by the VEC

The program is designed so that parents and/or other relatives do not have physical or visual contact with one another at any time. Visitation and pick-up times are scheduled so that there is no contact between parties, keeping children safe and away from conflict. We strive to make the transition from one party to the other as easy as possible.

Monitored Exchanges

- The residential parent will arrive exactly at the set scheduled time, leave the child with a TFI staff member and then immediately leave the premise.
- The Non-residential parent will arrive 15 minutes before the exchange and will wait 15 minutes following the exchange before leaving the premise.

Supervised Visits

- The parent dropping the child off for a visit will follow the above guidelines.
- The visiting parent must arrive at the set scheduled time to visit their child on the premises under TFI staff supervision.
- Visits can be 1-2 hours in length and can occur more than once a week, depending on availability.
- Exceptions can be made under special circumstances.

How It Works

The Process

Before visits or exchanges may be scheduled, each parent must separately attend an intake interview. The interview process will gather background information on the family situation and the child(ren), review court orders and assess fees.

****Ask about setting up a tour for your child to see the VEC before services begin to put them more at ease.**

There is a fee for each intake. Each client is responsible for their own intake interview fees (unless specified by a court order). Monitored exchanges are \$5.00 each per parent. Supervised visitation fees are assessed on an income based sliding scale and assessed to the visiting supervised party (unless specified otherwise by a court order).

The Center has the right to refuse and/or terminate services at any time.

