

Wednesday, July 19, 2023
12PM/11CT

Clearinghouse on Supervised Visitation Phone Conference/Webinar Agenda



Discussion

1. **Welcome and Announcements – Everyone is invited!**
2. **Check the listings on the website to ensure your program information is up to date and correct for the quarterly report. If you need to add or change anything, email Lyndi Bradley at lbradley2@fsu.edu**
3. **August Phone Conference: August 16, 2023**
4. **It is July-- time for program narratives and data entry**
5. **Raffle for a NEW Professional Certification**
6. **U.S. Department of Justice Drug Treatment Courts Flyer: <https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/nij/238527.pdf>**
7. **Substance Use Disorders and Families**

Memorandum From the Clearinghouse on Supervised Visitation

2022-2023 Program Highlights and Information

The Institute's Clearinghouse on Supervised Visitation is once again preparing a state and federal report that will highlight the many accomplishments and unique endeavors of Florida's versatile Supervised Visitation programs. What Florida's Supervised Visitation programs have accomplished in 2022-2023 is no less than phenomenal and as always, Florida programs have been leaders and innovators setting best practices for so many other programs worldwide. So this year it's more important than ever that your terrific work be recognized!

Our 2022-2023 report goes to several state and federal agencies as well as judges in your area. One component will contain a descriptive paragraph or two on each individual program, highlighting the program's successes and interesting characteristics. In order to include your program, we would like to ask each of you to provide us with some details on your program - tell us what makes your program compelling, interesting, or human. For example, tell us how you successfully reunited families, or how you keep your clients engaged in innovative ways. Perhaps there are some wonderful positive elements you discovered using new formats or you've managed to serve even more clients than before!

Other examples: (You won't have all of these, maybe one or two!)

- ❖ How do you make online visits easier for your clients?
- ❖ Do you make to-go toy baskets for families?
- ❖ Do you let clients take toys home with them?
- ❖ Did you connect more family members than you would be able to otherwise?
- ❖ What positive surprises did you encounter – i.e. parents being able to watch their child ride a bike for the first time?
- ❖ Where do you get volunteers from - the Junior League, a local temple/church, a college?
- ❖ Do you have staff who go to the domestic violence docket days to guide the victims to safe visitation (doing intake at the courthouse?)
- ❖ Do you work with the local Latino community and have Spanish speaking staff?
- ❖ Do you have an annual Christmas or holiday party for the families?
- ❖ Do you use volunteers to paint or decorate the rooms?
- ❖ Do you have room themes? Is every room a different theme?
- ❖ Do you have a sign language volunteer who works with the hearing impaired?
- ❖ Do you have special toys for children who are visually impaired?
- ❖ Do you help domestic violence victims make safety plans?
- ❖ How did you help clients with domestic violence feel safe?
- ❖ Do you do cross training with the local court or DV center or child protective agency?
- ❖ Do you exist for a compelling reason, such as because a child was murdered or a woman was attacked during an unsupervised visit?
- ❖ Do you do local presentations to community groups about child safety?
- ❖ Do you have an agreement with local law enforcement, and do they do a walk through of the facility to make sure that everything on the site is safe?
- ❖ Did you recently get recognized by the local paper as a "hometown hero?"
- ❖ Did the director get some type of award?
- ❖ Do you have any annual holiday events?

Please please blow your own horn, sing your staff's praises, and tell us what makes your center a very special place for families to get assistance. **We'll bring it all together in a new report designed to give funders, judges, legislators, and the public a glimpse** into the world of Florida's Supervised Visitation Programs. Please note that we are not interested in anything related to funding or fundraisers – this is all about your accomplishments and success stories!

You can complete the attached form, or simply type your narrative in an e-mail and **send it back to us at kes2523@fsu.edu**. Low on time? Just call me (850-321-1638) and I'll type while you talk .

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

**Contact the Clearinghouse at
850-644-1715**

