



JOHNSON COUNTY COURT SERVICES

STATE OF KANSAS • TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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The Johnson County Supervised Visitation Program provides safe, supportive, and consistent visitation for children and their non-residential parent. Parents are offered the opportunity to reduce the level of conflict and to learn how to work together in a business like manner, putting their children first.

For a period of 12 weeks - on every Tuesday evening - the non-residential parent meets for one hour with the child or children in the presence of a visitation advocate in a supervised setting at the Johnson County Courthouse. Security is provided by the Johnson County Sheriff's Department. Observations are recorded by the advocate each week, and a report is prepared and submitted to the Court after six weeks and twelve weeks. Additional information may be gathered from teachers/counselors, doctors/therapists, or others who see the child on a regular basis.

During the one hour visit the residential parent attends an educational cooperative parenting group conducted by an education consultant. Either before or after the visit, the non-residential parent attends the educational group. Parents have an opportunity to learn healthy ways of communicating about the children's needs without the conflict of their previous interactions - and without the harsh impact of that conflict upon the children.

A new supervised visitation session begins every eight weeks. Families must be court ordered to this program. Johnson County Supervised Visitation Program is ordered in divorce cases, post divorce or never married custody cases, PFA (Protection From Abuse) cases and private Child in Need of Care cases.

A \$50 registration fee is to be paid to Johnson County Court Services prior to the beginning of the program. Program fees will be assessed to the parties as determined during the initial intake session with the Program Coordinator and is based on a sliding scale.