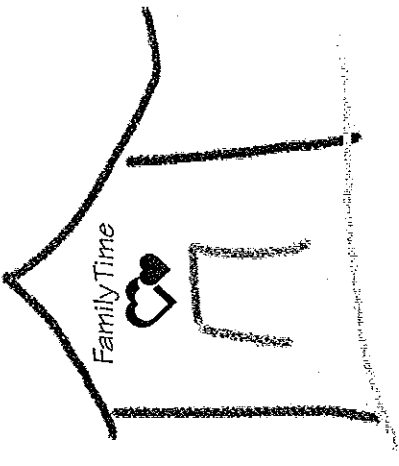


# Family Time Visitation Center



**About our Monitors**  
Monitors are individuals who understand that families have issues and also have a desire to work them out. They are aware of the need for neutrality, safety and the nurturing of children by both parents and their extended family members.

Monitors have completed a minimum of 30 hours of training in such areas as child development, divorce, substance abuse, family violence, and CPR/1st Aid. They are dedicated to helping our families achieve their goals.

**Family Time Hours**  
Monitored Family Time hours are based on individual needs and will be arranged during intake.

**Mission Statement**  
To acknowledge and support the importance of family relationships by providing a safe, educational and nurturing environment for children and adults during monitored family time with non-residential parents and members of the extended family.

***Cancellation notice of 24 hours is required.***

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*Family Time* provides children with safe access to non-residential parents through "Supervised Visitation," or "Monitored Family Time"

PAVE is an equal opportunity provider, and employer.

## Our Philosophy

Family Time is a program designed to meet the individual needs of all family members. In today's society, it is an unfortunate reality that children are impacted by many different situations faced by the adults in their lives. Residential and non-residential parents alike need and want quality time and relationships with their children. This can be a challenge when problems such as violence, substance abuse, divorce or other issues come between parents and children.

Family Time is here to help. We believe that in most circumstances children need relationships with both parents as well as with extended family members. When appropriate, we provide a safe and nurturing environment for such relationships to flourish.

*All services are coordinated to meet individual needs.*

*All services are confidential.*

## Services Available

### In-depth individual intake

- Each adult participates in a confidential interview with program coordinator to establish goals.

### Monitored family time

- Trained monitors will remain with the child(ren) at all times. A variety of sites is available.

### Family education and support

- Extended resources and referrals are available:
  - Nurturing Parenting Classes
  - Come Draw With Me

### Ongoing parental contracts

- Ongoing planning and goal reviews.

### Monitored exchanges

- A neutral place where children can be dropped off and picked up, yet still be monitored.

### Supportive transitional services

- Some family time schedules and services may be modified to meet individual needs.

## What can my child and I

### expect from The Family Time Program?

- A loving and nurturing relationship with both parents will be promoted.
- Safe planning of schedules will allow for no contact between adults.
- Trained monitors will stay with your children at all times.
- A neutral and child-friendly area is provided.
- A "Zero Tolerance" policy (to drugs, alcohol and violence). Educational resources and references are available.
- Flexible scheduling.
- Family involvement is encouraged, whether it is court ordered or non-court ordered.
- Cases will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Employees of the Family Time program are not court advocates nor part of the court process. We are an independent, neutral third party and as a result we will not testify on behalf of either parent.