



McLaughlin Counseling

SUPERVISED VISITATION AGREEMENT

McLaughlin Counseling offers both regular supervised visitation and therapeutic supervised visitation, depending on Court Order and/or needs of the family. The purpose of supervised visitation is to provide an opportunity for parent(s) and child(ren) to enjoy safe and positive time together. The wellbeing of the child(ren) will always come first. Let's break it down further. In the case of therapeutic supervised visitation, **therapeutic** means that visits will be facilitated by a licensed and/or registered therapist (visitation supervisor "VS") and might, at times, look like family therapy. We will address emotional, cognitive, and behavioral issues as they arise before, during, and/or after visits. We will address issues such as maintaining boundaries, enhancing bonding, expressing feelings, and increasing parenting skills, in addition to having lots of fun together. In all cases of supervised visitation, **supervised** means that the VS will be present at all times and will jump in to redirect words and behaviors, as necessary. **Visitation** means that parents(s), child(ren), and VS will spend consistent time together, typically weekly.

Please initial all of the statements below, as confirmation of your understanding and agreement.

_____ Visitation Supervisor "VS" will complete an intake with parent(s) prior to starting visitation. Parent(s) will provide Court Orders and other necessary collateral information to VS, prior to starting visitation.

_____ Parent(s) will sign Release of Information (ROI) in order for VS to communicate with all treatment providers, attorneys, and relevant professionals involved in the case. It is understood that VS will communicate with parent(s) as well as caregiver(s) regarding visitation.

_____ VS will complete an intake with caregiver(s) prior to starting visitation. Caregiver(s) will provide necessary collateral information to VS, prior to starting visitation.

_____ VS will meet child(ren) prior to starting visitation.

_____ VS will review Court Orders and child safety-related information prior to starting visitation, but will wait to read other collateral information until after the first visit so that VS can get a fresh perspective on the parent-child dynamics.

_____ Location, frequency, and duration of each visit will be based on Court Orders. If Court Orders do not specify such details, VS will make a recommendation as to the location, frequency, and duration of each visit, after completion of intakes. VS will obtain agreement between the parties, as to such details, before starting visitation.

_____ VS will be present (within eye-sight and ear-shot) at all times during the visit. Parent(s) and child(ren) will not be alone together at any time. VS will take young child(ren) to the restroom. In the case of older children, VS will wait outside of the restroom door and parents will remain outside the restroom with VS.

_____ After 4-6 visits have occurred, VS will review his/her recommendations regarding location, frequency, and duration of each visit and will make revisions to recommendations, if appropriate. VS will obtain a new agreement between the parties, in the case of any altered recommendations. If parties do not agree to VS's recommended changes to visitation details, the original agreement will remain in place until further Orders from the Court.

_____ VS never determines when parent(s) no longer require supervision or opines about future parenting time. This can only be determined by further Order of the Court or agreement of the parties. VS can only speak to observations during visits such as safety, parenting skills, and parent-child dynamics.

_____ VS will write a visitation report for each visit and will e-mail a copy of each report to parent(s), to caregiver(s) and to their attorneys, when applicable.

_____ VS may make treatment recommendations, which are directly related to parenting and safety concerns. Therapeutic intervention by VS will occur during visitation or outside of visitation during meetings with parent(s) and/or caregiver(s). The interventions will only be related to parenting and/or co-parenting issues. VS will not provide individual therapy to any parties. Should individual or group therapy be recommended, an outside provider must be selected.

_____ Visits will start and end on time. Visit will be cancelled if parent(s) are more than 15 minutes late and will NOT be made up.

_____ Caregiver(s) will drop off and pick up child(ren) on time. No more than a 15-minute grace period will be allowed.

_____ Changes to visit times and/or plans must be communicated to VS at least 48 hours prior to the visit.

_____ Visits that are missed or cancelled by caregiver or VS WILL be made up.

_____ Visits that are missed or cancelled by parent(s) will NOT be made up, unless VS deems the reason to be valid (such as emergency or illness) and when sufficient notice is given.

_____ In cases where VS will be transporting child(ren), caregiver(s) will provide car seat(s). Parties agree to release VS and McLaughlin Counseling from all liability related to transportation services.

_____ Parent(s) are responsible for coming to the visit with all necessary items such as meals, snacks, diapers, sunscreen, change of clothes etc. If the visit occurs over a typical meal time, parent(s) will bring breakfast/lunch/dinner to the visit. VS will inform parent(s) ahead of time, in cases where meals are a required part of the visit.

_____ Caregiver(s) will give VS a small bag of necessary supplies for the child(ren) such as diapers, wipes, formula, bottle, change of clothing, medication and snacks (only for special dietary needs). Parent(s) are expected to provide these items but caregiver(s) should equip VS with necessary items so that child(ren) do not suffer. If caregiver(s) items are used during the visit, VS will notify caregiver(s) at the end of the visit. Additionally, VS will document failure of parent(s) to provide necessary items in visitation report.

_____ Child(ren) will generally NOT be allowed to bring any items home from visits, unless deemed appropriate by VS and agreed upon by all parties ahead of time.

_____ Family and/or friends will NOT be allowed to join visits, unless approved by VS and agreed to by all parties, PRIOR to visit. If an agreement between parties cannot be reached, only parent(s) will be allowed to attend visits until further Orders of the Court.

_____ Parent(s) will follow all directions given by VS during visits. If parent(s) disagree with directions, they will address their concerns with VS AFTER the visit, when child(ren) are no longer present. Parent(s) will address concerns with VS before going to others with the concerns. Similarly, caregiver(s) will address any visitation concerns with VS without children present.

_____ Parent(s) are responsible for paying for themselves and their children for any activities costing money. VS will pay his/her own way, as long as plans are approved ahead of time.

_____ The parent(s) receiving supervision are responsible for payment to VS of all supervision-related fees, unless otherwise specified in Court Order. VS will bill parent(s) via e-mail after each visit. The e-mailed invoice will contain a link to pay online with debit card, credit card, or ACH bank transfer. This is the preferred method of payment for supervised visitation, alternative forms of payment must be approved by VS prior to starting visitation. Payments must be made before parent(s) will receive the visitation report and before the next visit will occur. Fee for therapeutic supervised visitation is \$90 per hour and for regular supervised visitation is \$60 per hour. In the case of community or in-home supervision, the time starts when VS leaves the McLaughlin Counseling office (on Arapahoe and Peoria in Centennial) and ends when VS arrives back at the McLaughlin Counseling office. The supervision fees include up to 30 total minutes per week of visit consultation with any party on the case. If more time is needed to consult with parent(s), caregiver(s) or attorney(s), VS will inform parent(s) ahead of time and parent(s) will be responsible for payment at the same hourly rate as visitation.

_____ VS will appear in Court only under subpoena at the rate of \$160 per hour for testimony and \$80 per hour for prep time, drive time, and wait time. Time is billed in 15-minute increments.

_____ Additional agreements, specific to this case, as written below:

By signing below, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to the guidelines above. I also acknowledge that I have been offered a copy of this Therapeutic Supervised Visitation Agreement.

Parent Signature

Printed Name

Date

Caregiver Signature

Printed Name

Date

Visitation Supervisor Signature

Printed Name

Date