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## YMCA OF PATERSON SUPERVISED VISITATION – VISITATION WORKER JOB DESCRIPTION

The YMCA of Paterson Parent/Child Visitation Program provides supervised visits and monitored exchanges to families with a history of domestic violence, substance abuse, child abuse and neglect, mental health issues and high-conflict parental separation. Children have a safe, secure place to visit and form healthy relationships with their non-custodial parent. Families are referred by the courts and the Department of Children and Families Child Protection & Permanency (DCP&P) (formerly DYFS).

### **Responsibilities:**

- The visitation worker will be present at all times and the visit will take place at the YMCA of Paterson. Once the family and worker are comfortable with each other the visit can be held outdoors (i.e. restaurant, walking downtown, arcade, Center City Mall).
- The visitation workers are trained to assist with basic parenting skills and will guide and redirect interaction if needed during visits.
- Visitation workers are there to ensure the safety and well-being of the child before, during and after each perspective visit.
- Visitation worker will explain the policies and procedures to parents as well as observe and document both physical and verbal interaction during the visits.
- The visitation worker acts as an advocate for both the children and their families to guide them as well as help them access needed services.
- The visitation worker will help children understand that they have a voice, a built in support system, and since they already have abandonment/rejection issues. Children need to know they will still have an emotional support system if they are in harm's way.
- Detailed reports will be typed and submitted to the Supervised Visitation Program Director by 12:00noon the following day of the visit detailing what occurred during each perspective visit.
- Valid driver's license required.
- Children are transported throughout Passaic County only via YMCA vehicles.
- At no times can employees utilize their personal vehicles in terms of transportation.
- No transportation is provided for the parents, guardians, etc.
- To assist the family in developing healthy overall relationships.
- To strengthen parent/child relationships within the families that are dealing with custody and visitation issues



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- To supervise visits of non-custodial parents with their children. This includes monitoring and, if necessary, intervening with the parent or child who demonstrated inappropriate physical or verbal behaviors.
- To report as soon as possible any problems or concerns regarding a specific client immediately to Supervised Visitation Program Director
- To treat clients with respect and dignity.
- To respect the YMCA of Paterson's rules regarding visitation procedures.
- Good writing skills (documentation) and good oral communication skills.
- Maintain neutrality and confidentiality.
- Maintain safety at all times for everyone involved throughout this difficult time.

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