

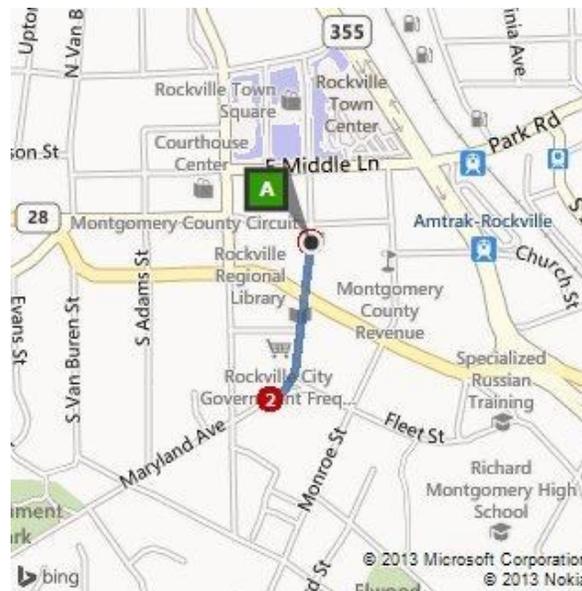
Is Security Provided?

A security officer will be on site for the entire duration of all scheduled visitation.

NOTES



The Visitation House is located at 150 Maryland Avenue, Rockville Maryland, (point #2), just two blocks from the Circuit Court (point 'A').



Montgomery County Circuit Court
Rockville, Maryland 20850
(240) 777-9079

SUPERVISED VISITATION



MONTGOMERY COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT

What is the Goal of the Supervised Visitation Program?

The Supervised Visitation Program is designed to provide a safe, comfortable and structured setting for court ordered visitation between children and their parents.

Is there a Cost for Using the Program?

No. Supervised visitation is a free service provided by the court through funding from the Administrative Office of the Courts.

How Does the Program Work?

- A court order is required.
- Only the visiting parent, the children and the visitation supervisor are present at the session.
- Six visits are scheduled to occur every other weekend for a three month period.
- The program is available on **Saturdays** and **Sundays**, with visits scheduled at 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- Each visit with your child will last 1.5 hours.

What are the Guidelines for Participating in the Program?

- Negative comments about your child's other parent and/or family are not permitted.
- Do not ask your child to relay information to the other parent.
- Children may not be placed 'in the middle' of adult problems.
- Questioning your child to get information about the other party is not permitted.
- Do not make demands for physical contact from your child by pressuring or bribing your child for a kiss or a hug.
- Inappropriate touching, whispering or speaking so softly that you cannot be heard by the supervisor is not permitted during the visit.
- Picture taking or video/audio taping is not permitted without approval from the visitation supervisor.
- The use of physical punishment or foul or threatening language is not permitted.
- No money or gifts will be given to a child during visits unless approved by the visitation supervisor.
- Parties and children are not allowed to make or receive phone calls during visits.

Who Supervises the Visits?

Every visitation supervisor has a Master's degree in social work, Maryland licensure (LGSW or LCSW), and experience working with families and children. Their function is to observe court ordered visits between a parent and child and provide an observation report to the Court after each visit.

The visitation supervisors are not employees of the court.

Termination of Visitation

Violation of any of the guidelines listed to the left may lead to termination of the visit. Additionally, the visitation supervisor may end a visit if he/she feels that it is necessary.

A Word About Alcohol and/or Other Drugs...

If an individual appears to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs the visit will be terminated.

Cancellations/Missed Visits

Cancellation of a scheduled visit is prohibited. A custodial or visiting parent who fails to appear or deliver the child will be immediately reported to the Court and a hearing may be scheduled. Failure to comply with these procedures may result in the issuance of a Show Cause Order and the scheduling of a contempt hearing.