

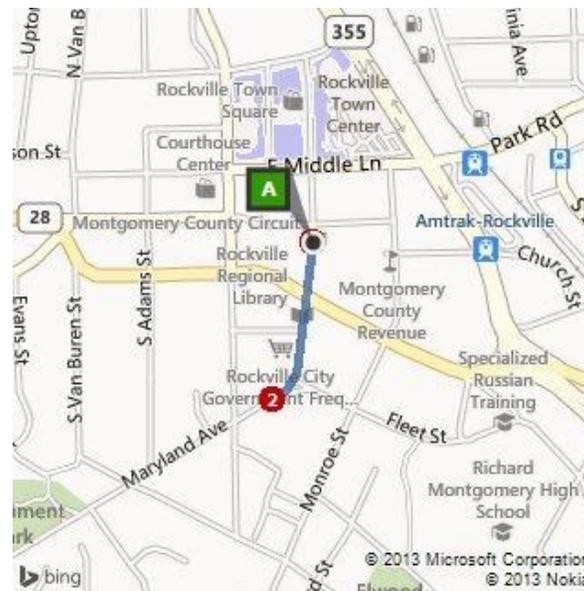
## Is Security Provided?

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  
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# 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.