

Family Time

Children's Administration Visit Policy



Visitation – Purpose

Right of the family

Early, consistent, and frequent
visitation

- maintains parent-child relationship and
- enables safe reunification

CA must encourage maximum parent
and child and sibling contact

- regular visitation and
- parent participation in care of the child

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CA Policy – Parent-Child Visits



- Face-to-face
 - Supplemented by phone, electronic contact
- Start immediately
 - Within 72 hours - no later than 5 days
- Least restrictive setting
 - In community, age-appropriate

CA Policy - Supervision

- Unsupervised unless
 - threats and danger to the child require constant presence of an adult to ensure safety
- Caseworker makes determination and regularly reviews reasons for
 - Monitored
 - Supervised
- Natural supports preferred over paid supervisors



CA Policy – Sibling Visits

- Promote and maintain continuity of sibling relationships that existed prior to placement
- Two or more monthly face-to-face visits
 - Unless approved exception
- Other contact encouraged – phone, electronic
- Continue after TPR or relinquishment



CA Policy - Visit Plan

- Visit Plans
 - In writing
 - Location
 - Frequency
 - Duration
 - Transportation
 - Clearly state reasons for supervised/monitored
 - Provided to the parent and court
 - Developed with parent, youth, caretaker and others



CA Policy - Visit Plan Progress

- Living document
 - On-going review
 - Regular reassessment of risk and safety
- CA oversight activities
 - Caseworker observe at least one visit per quarter
 - Review at shared planning and monthly case review
 - 6 month reauthorization – supervision/monitoring
 - Increase visits and unsupervised within 90 days of return home

Court Review of Visit Plan

- Review visit plan at each hearing
- Review justification for supervision
- Ensure plan is progressing

ASK

- Is plan developmentally appropriate?
- What progress has been made?
- What parent behavior do we need to see in order to move to monitored/unsupervised?
- How can barriers to parent participation be addressed?