

NEW LEGISLATION

HB 1194

Date Effective: July 25, 2021

HB 1194 changes the way dependency courts evaluate and order family time by requiring justification for supervision and monitoring

The first visit after a child is placed outside the home must take place within **72 hours** of removal...

This visit is supervised unless DCYF determines that supervision is not necessary

...unless the court finds that extraordinary circumstances exist.

Includes weekends and holidays

Visitation should occur in the **least restrictive setting** and be **unsupervised**...

...unless the presence of threats or danger to the child requires the constant presence of an adult to ensure safety of the child.

Visits are **presumed to become unsupervised** at all shelter care and permanency planning hearings and dependency reviews.

...unless the court determines that removing supervision or monitoring would create a risk to the child's safety based on evidence submitted by a party.

Supervised

Requires an approved adult to maintain line of sight and sound supervision and intervene if needed.

Monitored

Requires parents to be the primary caregiver during family time, while an approved adult is available to periodically observe and intervene if needed.

Unsupervised

Requires parents to:
1. Be able to demonstrate the willingness and ability to safely care for the child for the duration of the family time.
2. Be the primary caregivers.
3. Protect the child from safety threats

Washington State Department of Children, Youth & Families. (June 26, 2008; Revised October 21, 2019). *4254 Family Time and Sibling and Relative Visits.*

Family Time

TIMELY

FREQUENT

CONSISTENT

MEANINGFUL

THREATS

Assessing Safety

VULNERABILITIES

PROTECTIVE CAPACITY

Does the parent have sufficient **CAPACITY** to protect **each child** from the specific safety **THREATS** they are **VULNERABLE** to **during Family Time**?

Creating Safety

Elements of family time can be used to create safety, promote family bonding, and help children adjust to being out of home.

Frequency

Time of Day

Transportation

Duration

Location
(natural setting preferred)

Supervision

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