

## Supervised Visitation Program: Envisioning Solutions for Collaborative Practice

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*Presented by the*  
**U. S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women**  
*in partnership with*  
**The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges**


The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges is pleased to announce **Supervised Visitation Program: Envisioning Solutions for Collaborative Practice.**

This two-day workshop, will offer Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program (Supervised Visitation Program) communities the opportunity to engage in strategic thinking and group problem solving around court and legal issues as well as collaboration efforts among community partners intended to enhance safety, promote change, and examine solutions to crucial issues around supervised visitation and safe exchange in cases of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.

As a result of this workshop, grantee community participants will be better able to:

- Design a collaborative project among court, domestic violence, supervised visitation, and government partners (core partners) that recognizes domestic violence risks and promotes safety for adult victims and children in a culturally thought out manner.
- Define the respective roles of each of the core partners and utilize the resources of each.
- Evaluate the necessity, appropriateness, and impact of supervised visitation and exchange services in cases of domestic violence.
- Assume the role and take the opportunity as core partners to become a catalyst for improving the ways the community supports families in the aftermath of domestic violence.

Each of these objectives will be accomplished in four segments. These segments will deal with a different area of collaboration building and problem solving.



**Segment One: The History and Philosophies of the Supervised Visitation Program and the Importance of Collaboration in Domestic Violence Cases** will focus on the history, purpose, and role of supervised visitation and exchange programs in domestic violence cases and how effective communication between the court, supervised visitation and exchange centers, advocacy programs, and other community partners helps to keep children and adult victims safe.

**Segment Two: Victim and Perpetrator Behavior** will focus on battering tactics and victim behaviors that may present in both the court case and/or the visitation program. This segment will also address cultural considerations within a domestic violence custody case.

**Segment Three: Adult Victim and Child Centered Safety** will focus on creating an adult victim and child centered approach to practice, as well as developing solutions that reflect an equal regard for the safety of both children and adult victims.

**Segment Four: Collaboration among Community Partners** will provide participants with an opportunity to discuss each community's resources and to brainstorm methods that enhance the relationship between courts and supervised visitation and safe exchange programs.

## **Faculty**

The Workshop allows for each community to engage not only with each other, but also with individual faculty members throughout the two days. Faculty members represent varying disciplines such as supervised visitation and exchange providers, domestic violence and sexual assault advocates, attorneys, and judges and include:

Carla Bean, JD  
Dallas, Texas

Hon. Jerry Bowles  
Louisville, Kentucky

Merril Cousin, JD  
Seattle, Washington

Ona Foster  
Dallas, Texas

Hon. Ramona Gonzalez  
La Crosse, Wisconsin

Hon. Dennis Kehm, Retired  
Festus, Missouri

Beth McNamara  
Montana City, Montana

Melissa Scaia  
Grand Rapids, Minnesota

Jennifer Rose  
Glorieta, New Mexico

Hon. Victor Reyes  
Pueblo, Colorado



## Who Should Attend?

The core partnership is the primary source of information and services surrounding use of visitation centers. Communities receiving funding through the Supervised Visitation Program are required to establish working relationships with each core partner. It is at the core partnership level that important issues such as effective case processing, information exchange, and safe services can be addressed.<sup>1</sup>

In order to maximize this training opportunity and the resulting benefits, communities must attend in teams of four participants representing the core partnership required through the Supervised Visitation Program. There must be one participant from each of the following disciplines:

- 1) Domestic violence or sexual assault advocate
- 2) Judge
- 3) Representative of local unit of government
- 4) Supervised visitation provider

## Workshop Registration

Registration is limited to nine grantee communities; preference will be given on a first come first serve basis. There is a \$400.00 registration fee per team.

The **deadline to register** for the Workshop is **January 4, 2010**. Registration forms received after the deadlines can be added to the interest list for future workshops. You may submit registration forms with a to be determined notation in the discipline category if you are unable to confirm a participant right away, however, complete forms will be given preference.

In the event that one of the registered core partners becomes unable to attend, you may replace that person with another from the same discipline. If you are unable to find a replacement, we will reschedule your community for a future workshop.

## Travel and Lodging Information


A block of rooms has been reserved at the government rate for conference attendees at the Embassy Suites Phoenix Biltmore, Phoenix, Arizona. The group rate is \$140.00, single or double occupancy, plus tax, per night.

Additional information about the Embassy Suites Phoenix Biltmore is available at: [http://embassysuites1.hilton.com/en\\_US/es/hotel/PHXCBES-Embassy-Suites-Phoenix-Biltmore-Arizona/index.do](http://embassysuites1.hilton.com/en_US/es/hotel/PHXCBES-Embassy-Suites-Phoenix-Biltmore-Arizona/index.do).

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<sup>1</sup> Off. on Violence Against Women, U.S. Dep't Just., *Guiding Principles of the Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program* v (forthcoming 2007).





## Supervised Visitation Program Communities: Envisioning Solutions for Collaborative Practice

**\* PLEASE NOTE\***

**FLIGHT AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS SHOULD ONLY BE MADE  
UPON RECEIVING REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION,  
WHICH WILL BE SENT  
TO YOU BY EMAIL AND/OR FAX.**

### **Who Can I Contact with Questions?**

Should you have questions regarding the content or logistics of the workshop please contact Michele Robinson at [mrobinson@ncjfcj.org](mailto:mrobinson@ncjfcj.org) or 775-784-6427.

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

Grantee Community:

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Primary Contact (this is the person NCJFCJ may contact with general questions regarding registration)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ext. \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_


**ATTENDEE(S): Please print**

**Domestic violence/sexual assault advocate**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_



Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Judge**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Representative of local government**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervised visitation provider**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation and lodging information will be sent to you within a week of registration.  
Full payment must be received 10 business days prior to the scheduled workshop.



Payment may be made by credit card or check. If you cancel at least 30 business days prior to the workshop, we will refund 100 percent of your entire payment. In other cases, payment may be applied to a future workshop, provided space is available.

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Attention: Michele Robinson

(775)784-6160

OR

EMAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TO: [mrobinson@ncjfcj.org](mailto:mrobinson@ncjfcj.org)

