

Supervised Visitation Policy

The Court may order supervised visitation for parents with their children. Referrals may be made to persons who are on a list of providers or family members. In order to be placed upon the list, a provider must meet the following requirements:

1. The supervisor must have a bachelor's degree with 12 units of social sciences or an AA degree with three years experience working with families and children. The supervisor must be sensitive and responsive to the cultural and social-economic differences in the population being served.
2. The supervisor must have an adequate location or use locations to be agreed upon by the parties or ordered by the court for the visitation. Requirements for locations are set forth with more detail below.
3. All persons supervising visitation must submit to a criminal background check and provide proof of their education and experience to the Domestic Violence Resource Case Coordinator (DVCC) at Family and Juvenile Court.
4. All persons supervising visitation shall provide proof of adequate liability insurance before consideration for court-ordered visitation.
5. All persons supervising visitation shall agree in writing to follow the Thurston County Protocol for cases ordered.
6. Visitations will be conducted in accordance with the standards of the [Supervised Visitation Network](#) (SVN). In particular, the following are required:
 - a) Persons seeking to supervise visitation as ordered by the Court shall submit a resource application to the DVCC at Family and Juvenile Court.
 - b) Grievances regarding the conduct of a visitation supervisor shall be brought to the attention of the DVCC or, if appropriate, to the Court.
 - c) Supervised visitation shall be ordered on a standard court form. The Order Requiring Supervised Visitation is available at <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/superior-court/court-forms/court-forms-family-and-juvenile-court>. The order shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- the reason(s) supervised visitation is required
 - which party or parties are responsible for any supervisor fee(s)
 - the number of hours of supervision to be provided under the order
 - known contact information for each party
 - known/preferred available times for visitation
- d) Visitation supervisors shall not provide transportation for children or parents involved in supervised visitation.
- e) Court Administration shall inspect fixed locations for supervised visitation before approval for use. Photos of facility should be provided with the resource application.

This policy does not apply to dependency proceedings.

Attachments:

Supervised Visitation Network Standards

Resource Application