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# Family Peace Center



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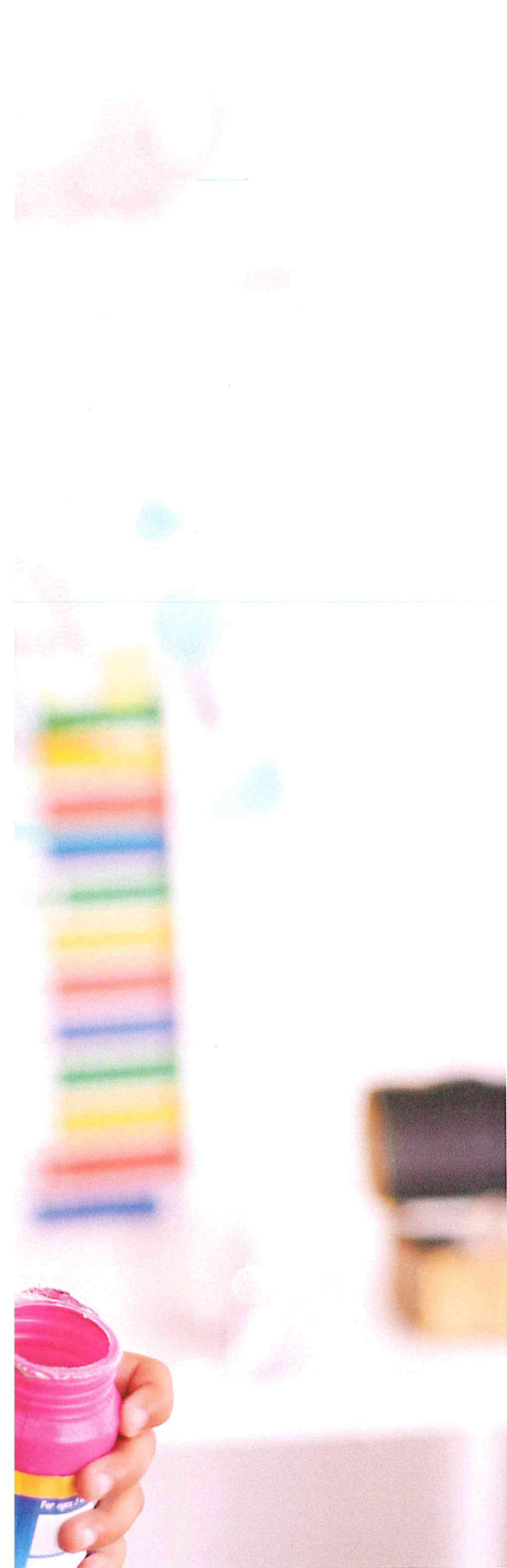
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# Our Mission

To provide a safe and caring environment where children and parents build healthy relationships and strong families.

The Family Peace Center provides a safe environment for children to have contact with a non-custodial parent without being placed in the middle of adult conflicts.





# Peace of Mind.

Separation or divorce is seldom easy. For some families, it is necessary to be in a supervised visitation program so parents can exchange or visit their children in a neutral location when they have cases pending in the Family Division.

The Family Peace Center is a program in the Family Services Department of the Second Judicial Court. Programs like the Family Peace Center provide a safe alternative to visitation and exchanges in public places when there is a high risk of conflict. The Family Peace Center provides a safe and supportive environment for parents and children to preserve and maintain relationships.



# Why Supervised Visitation and Exchange?

For more than 20 years, the Family Peace Center has been a non-judgmental place for parents to exchange or visit their children when they have pending family court cases.

Having trained, skilled staff is a critical part of the Family Peace Center, helping to keep families and children safe and connected through a difficult time. The Center monitors are knowledgeable about the unique and complex dynamics of domestic violence. The Center also provides on-site security to ensure the safety of all participants.

## **Supervised visitation**

is the contact between a non-custodial parent and children in the presence of a third person responsible for observing and ensuring the safety of those involved.

## **Supervised exchange**

is the supervision of the transfer of the child from one parent to the other. Precautions are taken to assure that the two parents exchanging the child do not come into contact with one another.



# Our Core

A pink silhouette of a house with a chimney, serving as a background for the 'Safety' section.

## Safety

The Center keeps children in a safe atmosphere, reduces the risk of harm and minimizes the inappropriate sharing of adult conflicts with their children. The Center also helps ensure safety for adults and children who have experienced domestic violence.

A yellow silhouette of a young child, serving as a background for the 'Support' section.

## Support

Children generally fare best when they have ongoing involvement with both parents. The Center supports the integrity of the child's time with each parent, their siblings and other significant individuals in their life.

# Values.



## Connection

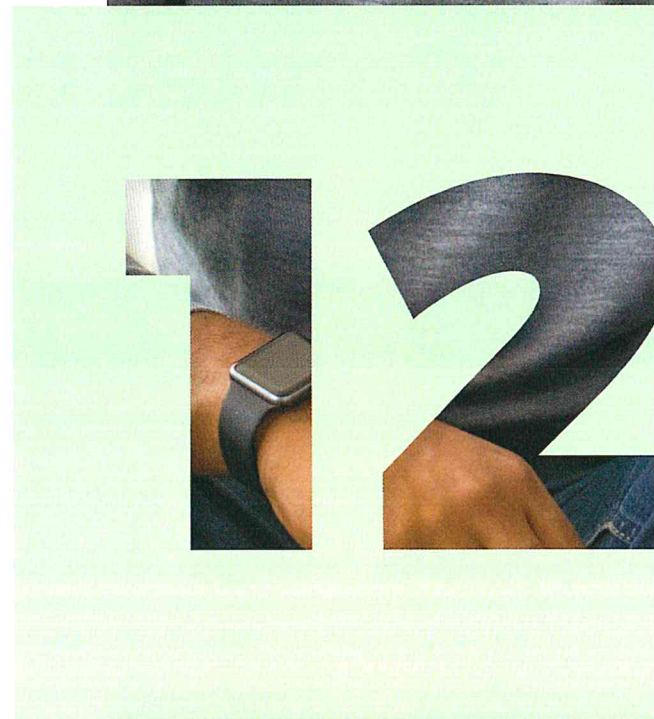
The Center re-builds and strengthens positive relationships between children and their parents. It provides children a welcoming environment where they can relax and enjoy themselves during their visits, and also provides a respectful and supportive environment for parents.

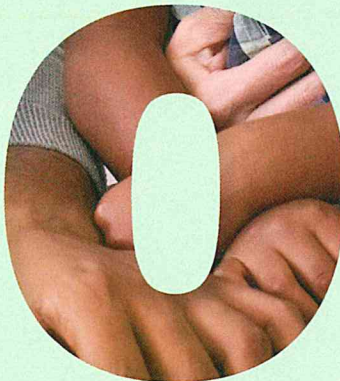
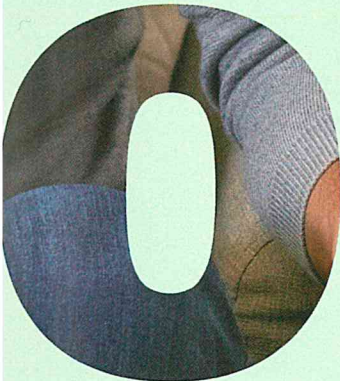


Typically **40-50 families** use the Center at any given time, visiting once a week. The Center is open 6 days a week.

Supervised visitation is increasingly used in cases where domestic violence has occurred. **70% of families visiting have an active protective order in place.** The Center has safeguards in place to ensure the safety of all participants.

The Family Peace Center supports the needs of children and their parents, allowing them to stay connected while legal issues are pending. It also supports the parents moving to less restricted visitation when the Court determines it is safe and appropriate.





The Family Peace Center is expected to provide **1200 visits to 190 families** in 2018.





# Family Peace Center

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The Family Peace Center is a member of the  
Supervised Visitation Network.