

## **PURPOSE**

The Madison County Kids' Corner, a facility managed by the Children First Foundation, serves families experiencing exceptional difficulty in the transfer of their children for the purpose of visitation or that require supervised visits. These difficulties often result in exposing the children to adult conflicts (including verbal abuse, violence, and threats of violence).

### **Requirements:**

**Parents must be referred by court order and must separately attend an Orientation Intake Interview to receive services. Parents must agree to follow the outlined program rules. The interview will be required again if the couple is inactive in the program for six months or longer.**



**Madison County Kids' Corner  
Madison County Facility  
101 E. Edwardsville Road  
Wood River, IL 62095**

**618-251-6214**

**Made possible by:**

**Madison County Board**

**Third Judicial Circuit  
Family Violence Coordinating  
Council**

**Circuit Court Judges  
Third Judicial Circuit**

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## **Madison County Kids' Corner**



**Serving:  
Madison County, IL**

**Scheduling:  
618-251-6214  
9am-noon, Mon-Fri**

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The Supervised Visitation & Visitation Exchange Center Program provides designated parking, separate entrances and separate rooms for parents to visit with or exchange their child(ren) at Madison County Kids' Corner in Wood River, IL. A one-hour Intake Orientation Interview is required separately of each parent before enrollment is official and services can begin. Each parent is assigned a specific arrival and departure time at their orientation. Availability of slots and parent convenience are both considered in scheduling.

To schedule your Intake Orientation Interview, please call our Wood River office at 618-251-6214.

If problems develop that will affect your scheduled supervised visitation or regular child exchanges, staff can be reached during the program's regular operating hours. The administrative clerk is also available 9am-noon (Mon-Fri).

Kids' Corner: (618) 251-6214

### Supervised Visitation

Wed & Fri 5 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday 9 AM - 4 PM

Sunday 1 PM - 8 PM

### Child Exchanges

Wednesday 4 PM-7:45PM

Fri & Sun 5 PM-7:45 PM

Only parents and/or others listed on the Court Order will be permitted to visit or exchange children. Guests are not permitted at the Kids' Corner.

#### What is Supervised Child Exchange?

Visits are not held at Kids' Corner. Only the child's custody exchange is supervised and facilitated by staff to ensure that no contact occurs between parents. The 15 Minute Rule is enforced. Documentation is available by subpoena only.

#### What is Supervised Visitation?

Visits are held at Kids' Corner and are constantly monitored by staff who watch, listen and document the entire visit. The staff offer assistance as needed to ensure appropriate parent-child interactions. Observance of the 15 Minute Rule and a subpoena for documentation is required.

## 15 MINUTE RULE

### Non-Residential Parent:

The non-residential parent is to arrive at his/her specific time (as assigned during the orientation). They sign in with an arrival time. After the initial child exchange occurs, the non-residential parent must wait 15 minutes in order to give the other parent time to leave the premises/area. Staff also uses this time to escort the non-residential, supervised visitation parent to their visiting area. Please note that a 15 minute wait is also required for the non-residential parent, following an exchange or visit.

### Residential Parent:

The residential parent arrives with the child(ren) at his/her specific time (as assigned during the orientation). They sign in with an arrival time and wait for staff to escort and deliver the child(ren) to supervised visitation or for an exchange to the other parent. The residential parent leaves immediately, following the exchange. Whether participating in a child exchange or supervised visitation, the residential parent then returns at an assigned time, signs in, and waits for staff to return the child(ren). Again, the residential parent is required to leave immediately following the exchange, while the non-residential parent is required to wait 15 minutes before leaving the building. This rule is enforced in order to protect victims of alleged domestic violence. All parents court referred into the program are expected to observe this rule, even though domestic violence may not be an issue in their particular case.