



SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Department Title: Family Services Department

Program Title: Family Peace Center – Supervised Visitation & Exchange Program

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Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Program Description: The Family Peace Center is a program of the Family Services Department of the Second Judicial District Court. The Family Peace Center provides visitation (in-person and virtual on the zoom platform) and exchange services six days a week, offering a safe space for maintaining relationships or re-establishing contact between children and parents when visiting rights have been interrupted or is unsafe after separation or divorce. All referrals to the Family Peace Center come from the Family Division of the District Court, and there is no cost to participants. Two levels of service are provided: on-site visitation where up to four families visit in a structured setting with three monitors overseeing the visit and monitored exchanges where children are transferred from one parent to the other for court-ordered visitation in a neutral and safe environment.

As one parent describes using the service: “It was just so helpful for all of us. And yes, it cut back on tension in the air and reduced my feelings of anxiety about my child’s contact with my ex.” Among the things that children report liking: the availability of games and activities, being supervised, feeling safe, having other children around with similar experiences, and the ability to spend quality time with a parent.

Accessible Services and Support: One full-time Coordinator manages referrals, provides new family orientation, schedules visits and exchanges, and submits reports to the court. Ten intermittent monitors oversee visitation.

Summary of Services

The year the Family Peace Center started at the Second Judicial District Court	1996
Who came up with the Family Peace Center	Judge Charles McGee
Number of visits facilitated annually	2,000
Contact us:	775-328-3830

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