



Second Judicial District Court

Department Title: Family Services Department

Program Title: Family Peace Center

Manager: Mary Herzik

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 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 and exchange services six days a week at the courthouse, 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 offered: on-site visitation where up to four families visit in a structured setting with two monitors overseeing the visit and monitored exchange 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 the 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 case manager coordinates referrals, schedules visits, provides new family orientation, and submits reports to the court.

Summary of Services:

Year Family Peace Center started	1996
Who came up with the name Family Peace Center?	Judge Charles McGee
Number of visits facilitated annually	1,550

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