



Frequently asked Questions
about
CARE's Supervised Parenting Program

Q. What services does the program offer?

A. CARE currently offers two types of supervised parenting services:

1. Visitations- Visits between a parent and child are supervised at CARE by a trained parenting time monitor.
2. Transfers- Transfer from one parent to another for court-ordered visitation time takes place at CARE, facilitated by a trained parenting time monitor.

Q. Who can use the program?

A. First, a family must have a court order in Macomb County 16th Circuit Court (family court) that specifically calls for parenting time to take place at CARE. The court will then make a referral to CARE. Families can not use services with out obtaining a court order, even if both parties agree.

Q. How can I get a court order to come to CARE?

A. You can find out more about getting a court order by speaking with an attorney or by going to Macomb County Friend of the Court and talking to the Judicial Services Officer. Their phone number is 586-469-5160.

Q. How much does it cost to have parenting time at CARE?

A. CARE will follow the court order to determine financial responsibility.

Most families pay a portion of the cost for each visit or transfer at CARE. A judge or referee can order that both parents split the cost, one parent pays the full cost, or that the fees be waived.

Q. Will the visits be during the day? That's when I work.

A. Visits can be scheduled evenings and weekends, based on program availability. We attempt to set a schedule that is convenient for both parents.

Q. Is this a program just for people who have mistreated their children?

A. No. The court may call for Supervised Parenting services for a wide variety of reasons. In some cases, a child will be spending time with a non-custodial parent after an extended period of separation. We also serve families where parenting time is disrupted due to a history of substance use, mental health concerns, or domestic violence.

Q. How long do families come to CARE?

A. Services can be short-term or long-term. CARE follows the time frame as stated in the court-order.

Q. Do you decide who children should live with?

A. No. Our role is to maintain a safe and comfortable environment for children to spend time with a parent and to record a history of the visits that take place. Custody issues are decided by the court.

Q. Where else can I go for Supervised Parenting Time?

A. CARE is currently the only agency provider located within Macomb County. If you have a court order issued outside of Macomb County, please contact the Friend of the Court for the county where your order was issued.