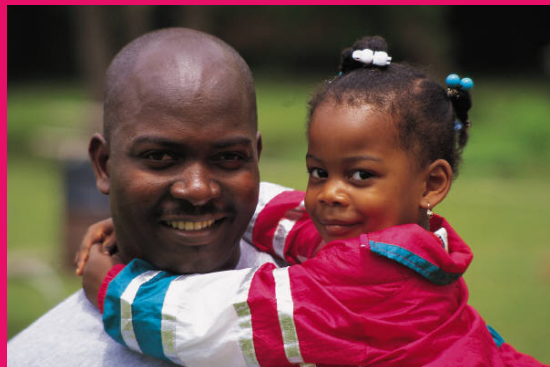


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# Supportive Visitation



**Supportive Visitation Parent Education Program provides intensive individualized parent/child visits centered on the child.**

**Each family and their Visit Coach designs a plan with specific goals set for each week.**

**The Visitation Coach joins with parents to support planning before and after each visit and assists in achievement of reunification in a timely manner by providing modeling and education.**

### **Supportive Visitation Goals**

- Provide parent(s) with increased support
- Assist parent(s) in achieving the goal of reunification in a timely manner
- Support parent(s) practicing new, healthier thought/behavior patterns, replacing what has not been successful
- Offer parents flexibility and availability, conducting visits during evening/weekend hours to meet family needs

### **Visit Coaches Provide Families:**

- Joint development of visit plan and goal development, pre and post Adult-Adolescent Parenting Inventory through an intake process
- Coaching during the 50-minute parent/child visit
- Post-visit debriefing immediately following visits to offer parent(s) feedback/education
- Specific parenting education and skills development: life/home management skills, parent/child interaction skills using demonstration, videos, role-playing, discussion, role modeling

### **Visit Coaches Provide MDHHS Referring Workers:**

- Weekly visitation logs, monthly summaries and a termination report
- Weekly communication
- Capability/availability to attend Family Team Meetings and case consultation if requested



### **Who Is Eligible?**

- All families with open MDHHS Foster Care cases in Branch or Calhoun County
- Parents willing and able to participate in weekly services to improve parenting skills
- Parents willing and able to take charge of setting their own service priorities

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