

Press Release

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May is Supervised Visitation Month

During each May, Fairfield County Job & Family Services employees proudly display orange ribbons to raise awareness about the need for visitation and monitored exchange programs. Supervised visitation programs provide a neutral setting for children and parents.

Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Family Support and Visitation Center provides supervised parenting time, monitored exchanges and parent education programs. According to Sue Schmitter-Motta, Visitation Center Director, “the mission of the center is to support children and families who have been affected by divorce, separation, abuse, neglect or domestic violence. Through education and provision of a safe, comfortable environment, our focus is to promote family engagement and healthy, meaningful adult/child relationships.” In 2007, the Visitation Center provided 1729 supervised visits, 529 monitored exchanges, and provided 268 hours of parent education classes.

Many families are referred to the Visitation Center through a court order. Attorneys, community service agencies, and parents may also request services by completing a referral form. This form can be found on the agency website, www.fcjfs.org. Click on the Family Support and Visitation Center link at the right of the page, or call 740-653-4060 for more information.