

Agreement for Kinship Supervised Parenting Time

The policy of the state of Colorado is to promote the best interests of the children whose parents have an open Dependency and Neglect case. For the child, parenting time promotes permanency, healthy social development and self-worth, children know that the parent cares about them and has not forgotten them, enhances their relationship and the healing process. For parents, it gives them the opportunity to provide caregiving, gives hope and motivation for change, and gives confidence in their abilities to care for their child. The goal of kinship providing parenting time is to continue the bond/attachment and relationship between the parent and children in the least restrictive setting.

The agreement below helps highlight how to ensure the children's safety. This is to be read and agreed to by all parties. Please sign at the bottom that you understand what is being asked of you and agree to follow the outlined expectations.

Supervisor:

1. The kin agrees to participate as a supervisor or monitor in this parenting time agreement. Supervised parenting time/location by a kin will only occur as approved by the Caseworker and Guardian ad Litem. Overnight parenting time is to be agreed upon by the caseworker and GAL.
2. The kin has reviewed the Child Information Form with parent.
3. Supervision is to be line of sight unless otherwise specified. This means the kin must be able to hear and see the interactions between the parent and child(ren) at all times.
4. The kin will share information and feedback about the parenting time (location, dates, times, activities completed, observations of interactions) with Caseworker and Guardian ad Litem.
5. The kin agrees to end parenting time if:
 - Parent presents with any indication that they are under the influence (ex: smells like alcohol, bloodshot/dilated eyes, slurry words, jittery, odd/bizarre behavior, paranoid, unable to stay awake)
 - Any use or threat of physical discipline/force is used with child(ren).
 - Any emotional abuse- this means yelling, screaming, name calling, blaming or accusing the child for case issues.
 - Parent is derogatory towards child, uses the child as a source of information regarding the case, other parent or parties, has other inappropriate interactions.
 - If parent is more than 15 minutes late to the scheduled start time without communication.

The kin will immediately notify the Caseworker and Guardian ad Litem of any concerns with behaviors by either the parent or the child/ren, as well as if they end parenting time early or a parent no-shows to their scheduled parenting time.

6. The kin agrees that only parent(s) are to attend parenting time. This agreement is for named parent only. Permission is to be received by the team for parents to attend together.
7. Permission must be given for any other friends, relatives or significant others to join. If the parent tries to bring others that the relative is not made aware of by the Caseworker/GAL, that person must leave or the parenting time is cancelled.
8. The relative/friend will call the child abuse hotline and/or police if there is an emergency that involves the child(ren)'s safety. 1-844-264-5437
9. Any parenting time that has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, all efforts will be made to make up that parenting time.

Parent:

1. The parent agrees that they will arrive on time for their parenting time. Communicate with kin if there is an emergency as to why they will be late or not coming.
2. Stay focused on the child(ren) and respond appropriately to their child(ren)'s emotional and physical needs.
3. Come prepared with meals/snacks, necessary supplies and activities. This includes diapers, wipes, formula, games, etc.
4. Use cell phones appropriately. Parent will refrain from personal calls, being on social media so they can devote full attention to the child(ren).
5. Attend parenting time sober.
6. Have appropriate hygiene. If parent smokes, they will refrain from smoking during parenting time. They will wash their hands and have clean clothes on so the smell does not irritate the child(ren).
7. Will not speak negatively about other parent/caregivers or involved parties.
8. Not to bring anyone to parenting time that has not been approved by the Caseworker and Guardian ad Litem.
9. Will respectfully leave parenting time if kin has a concern and ends the visit.

Other specific agreements:

Locations that are approved/not approved: Who determines where (if in community)

Approved days and times: _____

Transportation- Can parent get rides from kin with child present?

What is plan for end of parenting time to minimize stress to child?

Who is responsible for re-direction/discipline: When there is a disagreement, who gets final say?

What are the "hot topics" that kin and parent agree should not be discussed during parenting time:

How do parent/kin plan to communicate between visits: (child journal, texting, phone calls?)

How do parent/kin plan to communicate feedback about parenting time (strengths, child's behavior before/after parenting time, etc):

What is plan for if there are issues that cannot be worked out between kin/parent?

Agreement and Approval to attend school events and meetings: _____

Agreement and Approval to attend Medical/Dental appointments: _____

Plan for communication to coordinate/schedule school/medical appts:

Plan for upcoming holidays:

Phone calls- Agreement and Approval: days/times and duration, supervised (speaker phone) or monitored:

I have read the document and am in agreement:

Parent: _____

Kin: _____

Date: _____

Caseworker: _____

GAL: _____

Phone #: _____

Phone #: _____

Date this agreement will be reviewed for updates:

Additional supports:

Savio worker: _____

Phone number: _____

