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** Supervised Visitation Network Member **

Therapeutic Supervised Visitation

Louisiana Counseling Association 2014 Conference

1. Define Families & Services:
 - Characteristics of Families Served
 - Family Law/Child Access Cases versus Child Welfare and Dependency Cases (film clips)
 - Models & Types of Supervision
 - Therapeutic Supervised Visitation versus Family Therapy

2. Louisiana RS 362.6 & Other States
 - California & Florida
 - Re-Visit LA RS 37:1101-1122

3. Supervised Visitation Network (SVN)
 - International Non-Profit Agency Based in Florida
 - Provides Training (Certificate Program), Net-Working, Parent Resources
 - Liability Insurance
 - Formation of State Chapter

4. Standards of Practice / Ethical Guidelines
 - Supervised Visitation Network (SVN)
 - American Counseling Association
 - American Association for Marriage & Family Therapy
 - Association of Family & Conciliation Courts
 - Possibly Others

5. Challenges to Service Provision & Solutions
 - Therapy versus Court-Ordered Therapy
 - Lack of Education about the Nature of the Service

- Seeming Alignment
- Financial Constraints
- On-going Litigation and Conflicting Agendas
- Restrictive Gate-keeping
- High Liability
- Angry Folks
- Complicated Family Issues
- Little to No Recognition
- No Clear Guidelines
- Solutions: Training, Standards, Ethics, Research, Educate Community Leaders, Collective Efforts, Normalize Fears, Clear Boundaries, Solid Orders, Remain Neutral; Consult, Consult, Consult

6. Current Research & Louisiana Providers

How Attorneys Can Help

- *Matching of Provider Capabilities & Family Needs
- *Help Family Understand Neutral Role of SV Provider
- *Refrain from Asking SV Provider to Make Custody-Evaluative Recommendations
- *Role-Model Regulation of Your Own Emotions
- *Attempt to Ease Custodial Parent's Anxiety
- * Create Supervision Orders/Consent Judgments with Clearly Delineated Expectations
- *Understand Role of SV Provider in Avoiding Further Abdication of Parental Authority
- * Appreciate the Feasibility of Your Client Not Presenting Accurate Information to You about the Process; Offer Professional Consultation with Supervisor

Creating Conflict-Free Orders for Supervision

1. Have Supervisor Appointed By Name in Order or Consent Judgment
2. Who (attendees at visits – by name if possible)
3. When (# hours/week) *Please allow provider and family member to determine the specific schedule to avoid conflicts
4. Where (On/Off-site)
5. What is Back-Up Plan with Inevitable Child Illnesses (i.e. make-up visits?)
6. Required Compliance of Provider's Procedures by Both Parties
7. Required Intake Process by Both Parties & Children
8. Who Will Pay for the Service *Please include provision in order that states who will pay for all costs of the visit (i.e. skating rink admission for all, etc) in addition to a statement that both parties will abide by Supervisor's billing policies.
7. Any DV Restrictions
8. Delineated Support for the Provider's Decisions in the Event of Conflict with Either Parent's Opinion and the Supervisor's
9. Transportation (Is a Parent Prohibited from Driving the Children with the SV Provider in the Vehicle?)
10. Is Therapeutic Supervised Visitation Indicated?

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