Our mission



The Centre County Child Access Center (CAC) promotes the physical and emotional security of children and their parents by providing a safe and supportive environment for monitored custody exchanges and supervised visitation.

We are committed to enhancing the safety of parent and child victims of family violence in an environment that fosters safe and healthy interactions between children and their families.

How does it work

- Court orders, self-referrals and agency referrals are welcome.
- Families experiencing difficulties, threats, or violence during custody exchanges or child visits may be eligible for services.
- During custody exchanges and supervised visitations, parents have no onsite contact.
 Parents utilize separate entrances and staggered arrival times in order to make exchanges and visitations as safe as possible.
- Trained staff are present throughout all exchanges and visits.
- We do not do evaluations, testify, or make reports or recommendations to the courts.

Where do services take place

All exchanges and visits occur at the Child Access Center which is located at 342 Myrtle Street in Bellefonte. The Child Access Center is child friendly. We provide a comfortable and supportive place for children and their families.

When do services take place

The Child Access Center staff will determine the time of services based on the court order/custody order, family need and Child Access Center availability. Supervised visits are limited to 2 hours per week, per family and are typically scheduled weeknights with limited weekend availability. Monitored custody exchanges are typically scheduled Friday and Sunday evenings. Please contact the Child Access Center for more information about the availability of our services.



Orientation

- Each parent must contact the CAC separately within 10 days of a court order.
- Both parents must complete an individual orientation, in person, before services can be scheduled.
- The orientation allows us to share important information about our services with parents and determine whether or not a family is eligible for services.
- CAC staff will schedule the day and time of services based on parent, child, and CAC availability.

Please bring the following documents to orientation:

- A current photo ID
- A copy of your current court order and all relevant past orders
- A copy of current PFAs
- Any questions or concerns you may have about the CAC



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