

The DFSS Family Violence Prevention Initiative funds community-based agencies to provide assistance and advocacy to those who have been victims of domestic violence (physical, sexual, or emotional abuse), including teens who have been victimized in an intimate relationship

Agencies funded under the **SUPERVISED VISITATION AND SAFE EXCHANGE CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** model provide the following services, which include (but are not limited to):

- Develop, execute and enforce court ordered visitation plans to ensure the safety of both parents and children.
- Execute court ordered safe exchanges of children from custodial parent to non-custodial parent, monitoring compliance with approved time allotted for visit, and execute the safe exchange of children back to custodial parent. Programs provide information and referrals to comprehensive services for custodial parents, non-custodial parents, and children.
- Other services, including crisis intervention counseling, parental support and training, and individual and group counseling.

Programs must accept and provide referrals to the City of Chicago Domestic Violence Help Line. Programs are expected to use various methods to ensure the physical, auditory, and visual separation of parents while on-site and to decrease the likelihood that parents will come into contact with one another while traveling to and from the center. Programs develop and implement security measures and protocols that meet the diverse safety needs of the community and individuals using visitation center services.