

VISITATION & REUNIFICATION

Visitation is one of the best predictors of successful family reunification. Parents who repeatedly skip visits ... are demonstrating that reunification is not the best outcome for the child.

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- *Infants and toddlers benefit from daily visitation, at the very least every two or three days.*

Child and Family Visitation: A Practice Guide to Support Lasting Reunification and Preserving Family Connections for Children in Foster Care, Minnesota

- Visitation plays an important role in concurrent planning. While frequent visits allow parents to show their motivation for getting their child back and demonstrate new skills, they also provide evidence when a parent is not making progress toward case goals. For example, when a parent repeatedly does not show up for scheduled visits or fails to make required behavioral changes during visits, this information can help the court decide more quickly to order an alternative permanency plan for the child.
- Parents need to understand that a key goal of visitation is to strengthen their relationship with their child and the importance of this brief time they have together.
- Is the parent participating in the infant's medical appointments, early intervention services, and other activities?

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VISIT LOG FOR ALAN & JONATHAN SINCE JUDICIAL REVIEW on May 02, 2014

JON, AGE 2

(Mother cancelled 15 out of 25 possible visits.)

Date	Location	Outcome
Sat., 05/03	Chuckee Cheese	Visited
Mon., 05/05	Day Care	Did Not Visit
Thurs., May 8	FRC-Dyadic	Visited
Fri., 05/09	Dadeland - Josie transported	Visited
Sat., 05/10	Mother Cancelled	Did Not Visit
Mon., 05/12	Day Care	Did Not Visit
Thurs., 05/15	FRC-Dyadic	Visited
Fri., 05/16	Day Care	Did Not Visit
Sat., 05/17	Mother Cancelled 30 min. prior	Did Not Visit
Mon., 05/19	Dadeland - Josie transported	Visited
Thurs., 05/22	FRC-Dyadic	Visited
Fri., 05/23	Day Care	Did Not Visit
Sat., 05/24	Chuckee Cheese	Visited
Mon., 05/26	Day Care	Did Not Visit
Thurs., 05/29	FRC-Dyadic (Mother cancelled 30 min. prior)	Did Not Visit
Fri., 05/30	Day Care	Did Not Visit
Sat., 05/31	Mother text-messaged to cancel	Did Not Visit
Mon., 06/02	Day Care	Did Not Visit
Thurs., 06/05	FRC-Dyadic	Visited
Fri., 06/06	Day Care	Did Not Visit
Sat., 06/07	Mother cancelled	Did Not Visit
Mon., 06/09	Day Care	Did Not Visit
Thurs., 06/12	FRC-Dyadic	Visited
Fri., 06/13	Day Care	Did Not Visit
Sat., 06/14	Chuckee Cheese	Visited

ALAN, AGE 11

(Mother cancelled 7 out of 13 possible visits.)

Date	Location	Outcome
Wed., 05/07	Kristy Cancelled	No Visit
Sat., 05/10	Mother Cancelled	Did Not Visit
Sun., 05/12	Mother's Day	Upon Mother's lawyers request, Greg agreed to visit with Mother, but Mother did not visit.
Wed., 05/14	FRC	Visited
Sat., 05/17	Mother Cancelled 30 min. prior	Did Not Visit
Wed., 05/21	FRC	Visited
Sat., 05/24	Chuckee Cheese; Kristina transported Alan	Visited (Courtesy GAL observation)
Wed., 05/28	Mother cancelled 1 hour prior	Did Not Visit
Sat., 05/31	No text message, no call to cancel	Did Not Visit
Wed., 05/04	Alan's graduation from Gr. 5; he didn't want to drive downtown.	No Visit
Sat., 06/07	Mother cancelled	Did Not Visit
Wed., 05/11	FRC	Visited
Sat., 06/14	Mother texted Ana to ask if she was planning on driving Alan. Ana said no	and reminded Mother that the Judge had ordered Marta to pick Greg up for the visits. Did Not Visit