

GREENE COUNTY FAMILY VISITATION CENTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our Mission:

To provide a safe, secure, and home-like environment to assist and support children and families who have been affected by abuse, neglect, divorce, and/or separation in rebuilding family relationships through supervised visitation and neutral exchange services.

Supervised Visitation Monitor – SAFE Volunteers supervise visits for families who have been affected by domestic violence, child abuse, stalking, or sexual assault. They also assist with the exchange of children between parents when a neutral setting is needed to protect victims and children.

Equipment Management - Assist the Center's staff to clean, inventory and repair (when possible) all toys and equipment.

Craft Activity - Plan and organize special activities such as craft projects or family-oriented activities and games on a weekly basis or at special times throughout the year. They also possibly recruit special crafters to come in for craft demonstrations.

Clerical Support - Assist with clerical duties such as copying, filing or organizing to support the supervised visitation and safe exchange program.

Special Projects - Work on special tasks that are needed throughout the year. Our two current projects include installing vinyl flooring and updating our program scrapbook. Click on "Special Projects" for more details. These special project volunteer opportunities will change from time to time.

Benefits of Volunteering

You will have the opportunity to...

- Personally give back to the community and families of Greene County,
- Gain additional experience and develop new skills,
- Provide support to the staff of the Visitation Center and the families that utilize the services,
- Have the satisfaction in serving with other volunteers and staff,
- Receive recognition for your time and talents.



Divorce is: "When they don't know how to stop fighting." Michelle, age 7
KidsCountProgram.com

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What is the Greene County Family Visitation Center?**

The Family Visitation Center is a Supervised Visitation and Exchange program that offers families a uniquely comfortable, reassuring, and homelike atmosphere in which a safe, structured, neutral alternative to unsupervised visits can be provided.

- **What is Supervised Visitation?**

Supervised Visitation is the provision and maintenance of a safe, neutral setting in which the contact between a child(ren) and an adult (usually a parent) can be monitored by personnel able to protect the rights of the child(ren).

- **What are Supervised Neutral Exchanges?**

Supervised exchanges are for parents who are not required to have supervision while visiting their children, but need to be able to make the exchange without interacting with the other parent. The child is escorted from one parent to the other by a visitation monitor.

- **How are families referred to the Greene County Family Visitation Center?**

Families are referred to the Visitation Center in a variety of ways. Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Court, and the Children Services Board make referrals.

**TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT THE
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FACTS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Children who witness domestic violence are 5 times more likely to become batterers or victims in their adulthood. *Copyright © 2000 ALIVE, Inc.*
- Nearly one-fourth of American Women will be abused by a current or former partner at some point in their lives. *Copyright © 2000 ALIVE, Inc.*
- Boys who witness their fathers' violence are 10 times more likely to engage in spouse abuse in adulthood than boys from non-violent homes. *A Beacon of Hope, No. Falmouth*
- The U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse suggests that domestic violence may be the single major precursor to child abuse and neglect fatalities in this country. <http://endabuse.org/resources/facts/Children.pdf>
- Studies suggest that between 3.3 and 10 million children are exposed to domestic violence annually. <http://endabuse.org/resources/facts/Children.pdf>
- Slightly more than half of female victims of intimate violence live in households with children under age 12. <http://endabuse.org/resources/facts/Children.pdf>
- One study of 2,245 children and teenagers found that recent exposure to violence in the home was a significant factor in predicting a child's violent behavior. <http://endabuse.org/resources/facts/Children.pdf>
- Children who are exposed to domestic violence are more likely to exhibit behavioral and physical health problems including depression, anxiety, and violence towards peers. They are also more likely to attempt suicide, abuse drugs and alcohol, run away from home, engage in teenage prostitution, and commit sexual assault crimes. <http://endabuse.org/resources/facts/Children.pdf>
- **Each year, an estimated 3.3 million children witness their mothers of female caretakers being abused.** (*American Psychological Association, Violence and the Family; Report of the American Psychological Association Presidential Task force of Violence and the Family (1996), p. 11*)
- **40 – 60% of men who abuse women also abuse children.** (*American Psychological Association, Violence and the Family; Report of the American Psychological Association Presidential Task force of Violence and the Family (1996), p. 80*)
- **Women who leave their batterers are at a 75% greater risk of being killed by the batterer than those who stay.** (*Barbara Hart, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1988*)
- **Domestic Violence is the leading cause of injury to women between ages 15 and 44 in the United States – more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined.** (*Uniform Crime Reports, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1991*)



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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Volunteers must have a willingness to help the children and families of Greene County, good communication skills, and the ability to work well with children of all ages.

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

E-Mail Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Driver's License Number (and State issuing): _____

Phone Number(s): Daytime: _____ Evening: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Please list three references of people who know you well (other than relatives), preferably for whom you have worked either in a paid or volunteer capacity. If you are currently working as a volunteer, please include the name of your supervisor.

Name	Address (including zip code)	Phone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Formal Education (highest year of school completed): _____ Have you lived in the area 5 years? _____

Do you speak a foreign language(s)? Yes No If yes, which language(s)? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime, other than a traffic violation? Yes No If yes, what was the charge? _____

_____ Date convicted: _____ What State/County? _____

Do you consent to a routine check of your criminal record (if necessary)? Yes No

List current and previous volunteer work, clubs, and community organizations (list all previous volunteer work; including brief description of duties and activities, and dates of service.)

What are your reasons for wanting to volunteer at the Visitation Center?

Have you been involved professionally or personally with the following programs/agencies? If yes, please give a brief explanation.

Children Services Board (CSB)? Yes No

Foster Care? Yes No

Court System? Yes No

CASA? Yes No

Other agencies offering services to children?: Yes No

Please explain: _____

How did you learn of our program? _____

Do you have you any particular skills or hobbies, which you would be specifically interested in sharing with the Visitation Center or our families? _____

Employment History (beginning with most current):

Employer	Dates		Job Duties
	From:	To:	
Address	Phone Number		
Job Title			
Supervisor			
Employer	Dates		Job Duties
	From:	To:	
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Supervisor			
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I certify that the statements herein contained are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any question contained herein or any failure to completely answer any question contained herein, is cause for dismissal from service to Greene County Visitation Center. I further understand that a record check with police agencies may be conducted as part of the application process, and I give Greene County Visitation Center permission to make such a check in order to ensure my suitability for volunteer placement.

I understand and agree that Greene County Visitation Center may make a thorough investigation of my past employment and activities, and I release from liability or responsibility all persons and organizations supplying such information. I also understand and agree that the information obtained may be used by Greene County Visitation Center in any way connected with my involvement in the program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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AVAILABLE TIME TO VOLUNTEER

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

Please circle the times you are available.

MONDAY

9:00 am
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Please list any additional times you may be available or other information that will help in scheduling:

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteer TODAY to help children and victims affected by domestic or family violence to remain **SAFE** while visiting with a parent.

What is a **SAFE** volunteer?

A **SAFE** volunteer is specially trained to supervise visits and exchanges involving children and families who have been affected by family violence, abuse, neglect, divorce or long term separation.

What Do **SAFE** Volunteers Do?

- Observe interactions of children and parents.
- Record facts about those interactions.
- Be a valuable support to a child or parent.

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SAFE Volunteers

- Have a heart for children and families,
- Are willing to learn,
- Remain objective,
- Have a desire to help children and families and impact your community!

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