

We Believe

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior that one intimate (or prior intimate) partner exerts over another as a means of control. Behavior may include physical and sexual violence, threats, coercion, intimidation, isolation, and emotional or economic abuse. Domestic violence is not an isolated event, but rather a chronic abuse of power.

Program Response

FVC recognizes the complexities of working with each family member affected by domestic violence and will deliver services based on the following guiding principles:

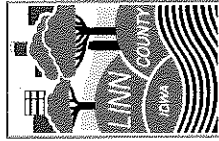
- Each member of the family will receive respectful and fair interaction.
- Support services are made available to each member of the family with referrals to community resources, organizations, and collaborative partners.
- All services are delivered with equal regards for the safety needs of the adult victims and children.
- Batterers will be held accountable for the impact of domestic violence on the family.
- Surveillance, schedules and individual services are designed to utilize safe arrivals, departures and monitoring of program participants at all times.
- Staff will consider individual needs related to cultural diversity, language, and special conditions when providing services.

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Drop in appointments
are **not** available.

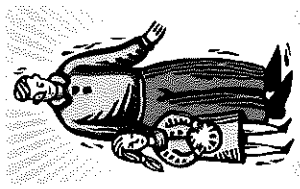
Please call ahead with all
inquiries and scheduling
requests.



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**Providing a safe
environment for
supervised visits and
exchanges between
children and parents
impacted by
domestic violence.**

SERVICE PROVIDED

FVC provides supervised visitation and exchange services under the direct observation of professionals who are trained to understand and recognize the dynamics of post separation safety to victims of domestic violence and their family.

Supervised Visitation

Provides on-site contact between a non-custodial parent and children in the presence of staff who observe the interaction and seeks to ensure the safety of those involved.

Supervised Exchange

Assists parents/guardians in the custody transfer of minor children to and from each other on-site in the presence of staff to ensure the safety of those involved.

Fees

There is no cost associated with FVC services.

ACCESSING SERVICES

Eligibility

- Families with a history of domestic violence may access FVC services by a court order, a self referral, or with support from any community agency or organization including but not limited to attorneys, child protection services, law enforcement, social services, domestic violence agencies, or batterer education programs.

- Children must be in the custody of one or both parents.

- FVC cannot provide services to children in foster care or protective custody of courts or social service agencies.

Program Orientation

Each parent must contact FVC separately to schedule and attend individual orientation appointments before any visitation or exchange services are arranged for the family.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Supervised visitation and exchange services are provided on:

Monday : 3:30 pm - 7:30pm
Wednesday : 3:30 - 7:30pm
Friday : 3:30 - 7:30pm
Saturday : 9:00 - 5:30pm

All activities and appointments at FVC are scheduled in advance.

Please call ahead with inquiries:

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COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

Linn County Community Services
Home Health

Sixth Judicial District Court of Iowa

Waypoint Services for Women, Children
and Families