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**SUPERVISED PARENTING TIME PROGRAMS**

1. **YMCA Supervised Parenting Time Program** (Very restricted parenting time):

Availability: 2 Saturday's per month, one hour slots from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Slots are limited.  
Up to three families is observed at a time and the supervisor leaves time open between each family.

Eligibility: \* Ideal in situations where circumstances of the child dictate that minimal physical contact between parent and child is necessary.  
\* Ideal to supervise parents who have abused their children or placed them at a substantial risk of harm through their neglect.  
\* Ideal to supervise parents with severe alcohol/substance abuse problems.  
\* Ideal to supervise re-introduction of parent/child following a period of absence.  
\* Can be used as a first step in a graduated parenting time schedule. Order should detail graduated steps and specifically state the graduated steps.

Supervisors: Program is coordinated by Ms. Joye Sharp. Ms. Sharp was a Child Protective Services Supervisor in Ingham County. Supervisors are professionals trained by Ms. Sharp.

Report: Supervisor submits progress notes to Court and/or FOC after each visit.

Cost: No cost to client

Location: Controlled setting at YMCA

2. **Michigan State University Chance at Childhood Program** (Substantial parenting time with formal report):

Availability: Parenting time can be scheduled in "blocks" of time (2-6 hour blocks of time per given day).

Eligibility: \* Intended for parents that cannot afford the Independent Supervised Parenting Time Program.  
\* Ideal for graduated parenting time schedules.  
\* Ideal where a party is undergoing alcohol/substance abuse testing and treatment.  
\* Ideal where a party is participating in other programming such as counseling, parenting classes, etc.  
\* Ideal in situations where you want maximum parenting time at no cost and there is a high likelihood of reunification of parent/child.  
\* Ideal in situations where an independent third party is necessary to provide an objective, professional report to the Court and/or FOC.

Supervisors: MSU law students and social work students who have an emphasis on child welfare.

Report: Supervisor submits a written evaluation to Court and/or FOC after each visit and provides input.

Cost: No Cost to client if Grant funded. To qualify, a client must earn \$25,000.00 or less. If a client earns more than the threshold, the cost is \$10.00 per hour. Fee may be waived in extreme circumstances.

Location: Neutral community settings

3. **Independent Supervised Parenting Time Program** (Restrictive parenting time due to cost):

Availability: Time/date to be arranged by the supervisor and parent(s). Because the cost is borne by one or both parents, cost often deters frequent or lengthy visitation.

Eligibility: Ideal in situations where an independent third party is necessary to observe the parenting time to ensure the safety of the child.

Supervisors: Individuals who have been approved by the Ingham County FOC

Report: Supervisor submits progress notes to Court and/or FOC after each visit.

Cost: Cost paid by one or both parties.

Location: Neutral community settings.