

Supervised Visitation Awareness Month
May 1-31, 2024
SV Awareness Day: Thursday, May 16th
Hashtags: #supervisedvisitation, #svn, #goorange

2024 CITY/STATE PROCLAMATION TEMPLATE

A proclamation is a public statement or announcement giving notice of a government act. Receiving a proclamation from a mayor, governor, or governing body of a city, county, tribal or state serves the purpose of increasing awareness about the field of supervised visitation and the Supervised Visitation Network. When submitting your request, provide your contact information so they can reach out with any questions, invite you to an event, or send you the final proclamation.

Submit a Proclamation Template Petition to your mayor or governor to declare May Supervised Visitation Awareness Month. Go online to find out how to contact your mayor or governor's office, and/or call or email to inquire where to submit the proclamation. You can adjust the below template to fit any required word limits. After you've submitted the proclamation, follow up by email or phone to ensure it was received.

Title: Proclamation on Supervised Visitation Awareness Month

Whereas, Supervised Visitation refers to a vital service ensuring the safety and well-being of children during visits with non-custodial parents or guardians under the supervision of a neutral third party.

Whereas, it is imperative to acknowledge the importance of Supervised Visitation in facilitating healthy parent-child relationships, enabling children to maintain contact with both parents in a secure environment.

Whereas, the awareness of Supervised Visitation is crucial in promoting understanding and support for families navigating complex custody arrangements, ensuring the protection of children from potential harm or conflict.

Whereas, recognizing the challenges faced by families requiring supervised visitation services underscores the need for accessible resources, support networks, and trained professionals to facilitate positive interactions and transitions for children and families.

Whereas, promoting awareness of Supervised Visitation encourages communities, policymakers, and stakeholders to prioritize the well-being and safety of children in family dynamics, fostering environments conducive to their growth, development, and emotional security.

Now, therefore, I/We proclaim May 2024 as Supervised Visitation Awareness Month and call upon individuals, organizations, and communities to join in raising awareness, advocating for resources, and supporting initiatives that uphold the rights and welfare of children and families involved in supervised visitation arrangements.

EMAIL YOUR NETWORKS

This is one of the easiest ways to spread awareness for Supervised Visitation Awareness Month. Just copy the approved blurb into a standalone email or add it to an email or newsletter you're already planning on sending. Whatever works for you — this gets the message out quickly.

SAMPLE EMAIL OR NEWSLETTER PIECE: Supervised Visitation is important to ensure the safety and well-being of children. Here are several reasons why supervised visitation might be necessary:

- **Child Safety:** Supervised Visitation is often ordered by courts when there are concerns about the safety or well-being of the child during visits with a parent or caregiver. This could be due to a history of abuse, neglect, substance abuse, or other factors that may pose a risk to the child.
- **Parental Supervision:** Supervised Visitation provides a structured environment where a neutral third party can oversee interactions between the parent and child, ensuring that the parent is acting appropriately and responsibly during the visit.
- **Rebuilding Trust:** In cases where there has been a breakdown of trust between the parent and child, Supervised Visitation can provide an opportunity to rebuild that trust in a safe and controlled setting.
- **Professional Observation and Assessment:** Supervised Visitation allows professionally trained monitors to observe the interactions between the parent and child.
- **Transitioning Period:** Supervised Visitation can serve as a transitional period for reintroducing a parent into a child's life after a period of separation or estrangement. This gradual approach can help both the parent and child adjust to the new dynamic.
- **Emotional Support:** Supervised Visitation may also provide emotional support for the child, who may be experiencing anxiety or uncertainty about spending time with the visiting parent. Having a neutral observer present can help reassure the child and provide a sense of security.

SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE

[CONTACT]
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

[ACME VISITATION] Recognizes May as Supervised Visitation/Monitored Exchange Awareness Month

[City, Date] – [ACME VISITATION], a member of the Supervised Visitation Network (SVN), joins hands with over 800 visitation providers worldwide in commemorating Supervised Visitation/Monitored Exchange Awareness Month this May. Since 2001, SVN has spearheaded this initiative to spotlight the critical role of supervised visitation in ensuring safe parental access for families globally.

Supervised visitation is a cornerstone service offered when concerns arise for a child's safety or well-being, guaranteeing a secure and child-focused environment for parental interactions. Similarly, Monitored Exchanges provide a neutral venue for co-parents to engage in discussions regarding their children's needs, fostering a collaborative approach to parenting.

Throughout May, [ACME VISITATION] encourages individuals to show support by wearing an orange ribbon, symbolizing vigilance and awareness. The vivid hue of orange serves as a beacon, drawing attention to the thousands of children and families benefiting from these essential services worldwide.

As a dedicated member of SVN, [ACME VISITATION] upholds the organization's rigorous Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics, delivering top-tier supervised visitation and monitored exchange services to families within our community.

For more information about [ACME VISITATION] and its services, please contact [Phone Number].

For inquiries regarding the Supervised Visitation Network or to schedule an interview with SVN Executive Director Joe Nullet, please call 904-419-7861.

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Sample
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Signature



Yard Signs are a great way to get the word out about Supervised Visitation Awareness Month. Ask staff and board members to put in their yards. With permission, put several on the courthouse lawn or at your local CPS.

Order a giant frame with your information, the SVN logo, and lots of orange. Visit your community partners and take photos in the frame to post on social media.



OTHER IDEAS FROM SVN MEMBER PROVIDERS

- Host an Open House in May – Invite CPS/DSS, local judges, attorneys, community partners, and previous families you have served.
- Radio Ads
- Billboard – Find a business willing to sponsor.
- Orange Ribbons – staff, community partners, courthouse staff, board members
- Presentations to community groups about the purpose of supervised visitation
- Coloring pages (samples included here)
- Orange Balloons for decoration
- Book Drives
- Social Media posts – include statistics about your agency.
- Amazon WishList

