

PLAY TIME

It is important to reconnect with your child and let's them know that they are still a priority. If you are having difficulty with what to talk about or what to do during your visits, discuss this with your caseworker.

In addition, here are some ideas:

1. Let your child know that you are happy to see them. Welcome them with hugs.
2. Engage in age-appropriate activities such as board games, reading, helping with homework, card games, coloring, I-spy, or asking them what they want to play.
3. Conversations can center around what they are looking forward to in school, what they enjoy about where they are staying, fond family memories, or you can even sing songs.
4. Let your kids know that you are thinking about them, and working to make things better.
5. Any issues or concerns regarding your case or placement, discuss later with your caseworker. Remember, this time is precious and engaging in positive activities should be the focus.
6. Comfort your child and listen to them.

COMMUNICATE

Remember, talk to your caseworker or staff if you need ideas on how to have quality family time. Likewise, if there are issues or concerns, discuss them after your visit. Your child loves you and needs your full attention, so ensure that your focus is on them.

LOCATIONS & HOURS

Hours vary and are subject to change.
Please call the location prior to your visit.

NORTH VISITATION CENTER

2900 N. Torrey Pines Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89108
702-455-5365

SOUTH VISITATION CENTER

1291 W. Galleria Drive
Henderson, NV 89014
702-455-1814

CENTRAL VISITATION CENTER

121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd
Las Vegas, NV 89106
702-455-5365

Family Visitation

A GUIDE TO SPENDING QUALITY TIME TOGETHER

Studies show that parents who visit their children on a regular basis, tend to reunify quicker than those who do not.



Family time reinforces the bond between children and parents. It reassures the child that they are still a part of the family, and that they are loved. It is important that parents and caregivers support the child before, during, and after the visit to help lessen further trauma.



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GUIDELINES

Follow the guidelines for a successful visit:

1. Arrive 5-10 minutes early. Visits will start and end on time. If you are 15 minutes late, your visit will be canceled.
2. To cancel, call & speak with staff at least 1 hour before to avoid a "No Show." Please do not leave a message.
3. Everyone on the visitation list must show an ID, no exceptions. If you are not on the visitation list, you will not be allowed inside.
4. Follow the dress code policy:
 - a. Clothes should be clean, neat, and in good repair, including shoes.
 - b. No midriff/crop tops/low cut or see-through clothing; no excessively short or tight skirts, dresses, or shorts.
 - c. No sagging pants, no exposed undergarments, and no clothing with derogatory or offensive messages/images.
 - d. Adhere to healthy personal hygiene and wear appropriate undergarments.
5. Personal items, including phones and devices must be stored in the designated areas.
6. No food, drinks, candy, or gum allowed. Only bottles, sippy cups, and baby snacks provided by the caregiver are permitted.
7. Keep conversations child friendly and positive. No foul language or discussion of your case.
8. Any aggressive, unsafe, or inappropriate behavior will immediately end your visit.
9. You can bring a small gift, but it will remain secured until the last 10 minutes of the visit.
10. Engage in activities with your child. See suggestions in the Play Time Section.

"I'LL SEE YOU LATER!"

Ending the family time is difficult for everyone, especially your child. No one likes to see their child upset and crying. There are ways you can help to ease the stress of saying "goodbye."

Talk with your caseworker about some ideas or consider some options below:

1. Before the visit ends, prep your child with how long you have left and what will happen when it is time to go.
2. Talk about what you want to do next time.
3. Be sure to use another term for "goodbye" such as, I'll see you later, or see you soon.
4. Come up with a fun handshake that only you guys do.
5. Explain to them that you love spending time together and can't wait to see them again.
6. Although it's hard, make it quick. Drawing it out makes it harder for the child.



FOSTER PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

It is important for caregivers to build a partnership with biological parents. Parents know their children best, and children feel less apprehensive when they know there is a good relationship between the adults.

Talk to your caseworker about ideas on how to work together. Here are ways caregivers can help:

1. Provide the parent with an update of how things are going.
2. Ask the parent for help in areas where the child is struggling and their advice about what may help.
3. Remind the parent that your role is to care for their child while they focus on bettering themselves.
4. Ask the parent what they need to work together. Be sensitive to the fact that they are not caring for their child and want to be comfortable that you respect and value them as well.
5. Consider how you can help mentor the parent and model a positive and healthy relationship with their child.
6. Parents are most fearful that you want to adopt their children, so reassure them that you are only there to help.