

Secure Visitation and Exchange Services

DOVE stands for “Down On Violence Everyday.” The mission of the DOVE Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Program is to provide adult and child victims of family violence with an environment incorporating security, cultural values and comfort during the safe visitation and/or exchange services.

In addition to making available supervised parenting time and monitored exchanges, the DOVE Program is also able to refer families to outside resources and additional services. It is the purpose of the DOVE Program to provide facilities and services which build positive relationships between children and parents.

In 2000, the United States Congress saw the need for easily obtainable and appropriate supervised visitation and exchange services for children and adult victims of domestic violence. Congress thereby established the Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation & Safe Exchange Program as part of the Violence Against Women Act of 2000. This Act is designed to increase the availability of supervised visitation and exchange services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence and child abuse.

The DOVE Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Program is part of that larger community response to enhance the safety of child and adult victims, by holding offenders accountable, while at the same time providing secure visitation and exchange services. The DOVE Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Program interacts with each member of the family and has a unique opportunity to identify the possible needs and gaps in services for children and adult victims, offenders and the community at large.

The DOVE Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Program is in a position to:

- Provide a safe place for children to visit with non-custodial parents;
- Help keep children and adult victims safe during visits and exchanges;
- Hold offenders accountable for their abuse.

Located at the Sports Complex in Naytahwaush, our Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange facility is designed for children to have quality parenting time with non-custodial parents in a safe, culturally sensitive and comfortable surrounding...free of conflict.

We have full use of the Sports Complex including an activities center and full-sized gymnasium for family fun. A playroom is also available with games, toys and art projects.

Services are scheduled after each parent completes an initial intake interview. Every attempt is made to provide our services in conjunction with the diverse schedules of all parties and in accordance with court orders and social work recommendations.

For more information, please contact the DOVE Program at 218-983-4656 or our 24-hour Crisis Line at 877-830-3683.