Mission Statement

KidSpace's mission is to support, strengthen and empower children by providing a safe, neutral and financially accessible place for them to meet with their non-custodial parents, family members or siblings, free of conflict, intimidation, control and further abuse.



Who is KidSpace for?

Families from all walks of life are ordered to have supervised visitation for various reasons.

At KidSpace we focus our services on families where there is history of domestic violence between the parties or child sexual abuse.

Typically, the parties have been ordered to use our services by either the Probate and Family Court, Juvenile Court or the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

Services

KidSpace provides three types of services to our participants: supervised visitations, monitored visitations and safe exchanges. Currently, all visits take place on Saturday.

<u>Supervised visitations</u> where on-site visitations are scheduled with a trained supervisor, who is present with the children at all times.

<u>Monitored visitations</u> – On-site monitored visitations are scheduled with a trained supervisor who assists, when needed, and periodically checks in on the visit.

<u>Safe Exchanges</u> – Scheduled supervised safe exchanges of children between custodial and non-custodial parties.

Intake Process

The intake process at KidSpace has several steps.

Both the custodial and the non-custodial party contact the coordinator to initiate the previsitation process.

Both the custodial and the non-custodial party must do an in-person intake with the coordinator. The non-refundable fee for each is \$30.00.

The child(ren) who will have visits at KidSpace may come to meet the coordinator and see our center prior to the first visit.

When all paperwork is complete, the coordinator will schedule the visits as our schedule allows.

Security

Safety is very important while providing or taking part in supervised visitations. Therefore, KidSpace has several security measures in place.

KidSpace's staff are trained in domestic violence and child sexual abuse and have passed a criminal background check.

We have a uniformed security guard present while services are provided.

Program participants sign an agreement to adhere to our rules, guidelines and policies.

KidSpace's staff and security guard enforce the rules, guidelines and policies.

Visiting parties must arrive fifteen minutes prior to and remain fifteen minutes after a scheduled visitation.

KidSpace can refuse and terminate services to anyone if we deem that visitation cannot be done in a safe and conflict-free manner.

We collaborate with the
Framingham Police Department
which has a satellite station
minutes from our center.

Non- discriminatory Policy

KidSpace does not discriminate in providing services to children and their families on the basis of race, religion, cultural heritage, political beliefs, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation or disability. KidSpace's premises are handicap accessible.



KidSpace charges a non-refundable intake fee of \$30.00. The fee is paid by both the custodial party and the non-custodial party unless other arrangements are specified.

KidSpace's hourly fee for visitations is based on the gross income of the payee. Our scale ranges between \$10.00 to \$90.00 per hour.

Both the custodial and the noncustodial party must show proof of income and sign a fee agreement.

Open Adoptions and short-term visits (less than 4 visits per year) have a fee of \$50 per hour.

Members of...

KidSpace is a member of the national Supervised Visitation Network (SVN) which provides information to its members, to other professionals, and to the general public including parents and children who may need supervised visitation or related services.

SVN's Mission is "to facilitate opportunities for children to have safe and conflict-free access to both parents through a continuum of child access services delivered by competent providers."

For more information go to www.svnnetwork.net

KidSpace is also a member of Massachusetts Coalition of Supervised Visitations (MCSV). The Coalition meets on a monthly basis to discuss current issues and to share information.

KidSpace Information

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12 Roxanna Street
Framingham MA 01702
KidSpace is in a peanut- and nut-free facility

Office and Mailing Address:

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