

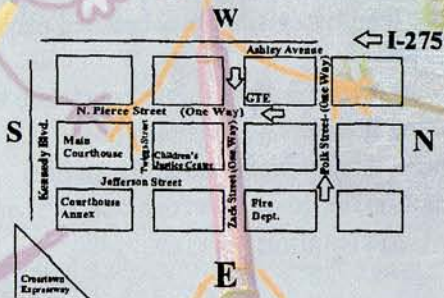
*What is the
Children's Justice Center?*

The Children's Justice Center serves the community by providing a neutral, child-friendly atmosphere for children who are exposed to an adult court system. In addition to Supervised Visitation, services include:

- MONITORED EXCHANGE
- FORENSIC INTERVIEWS
- DEPOSITIONS
- CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION
- CASE MANAGEMENT
- SEXUAL ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASE MANAGER

*Where is the
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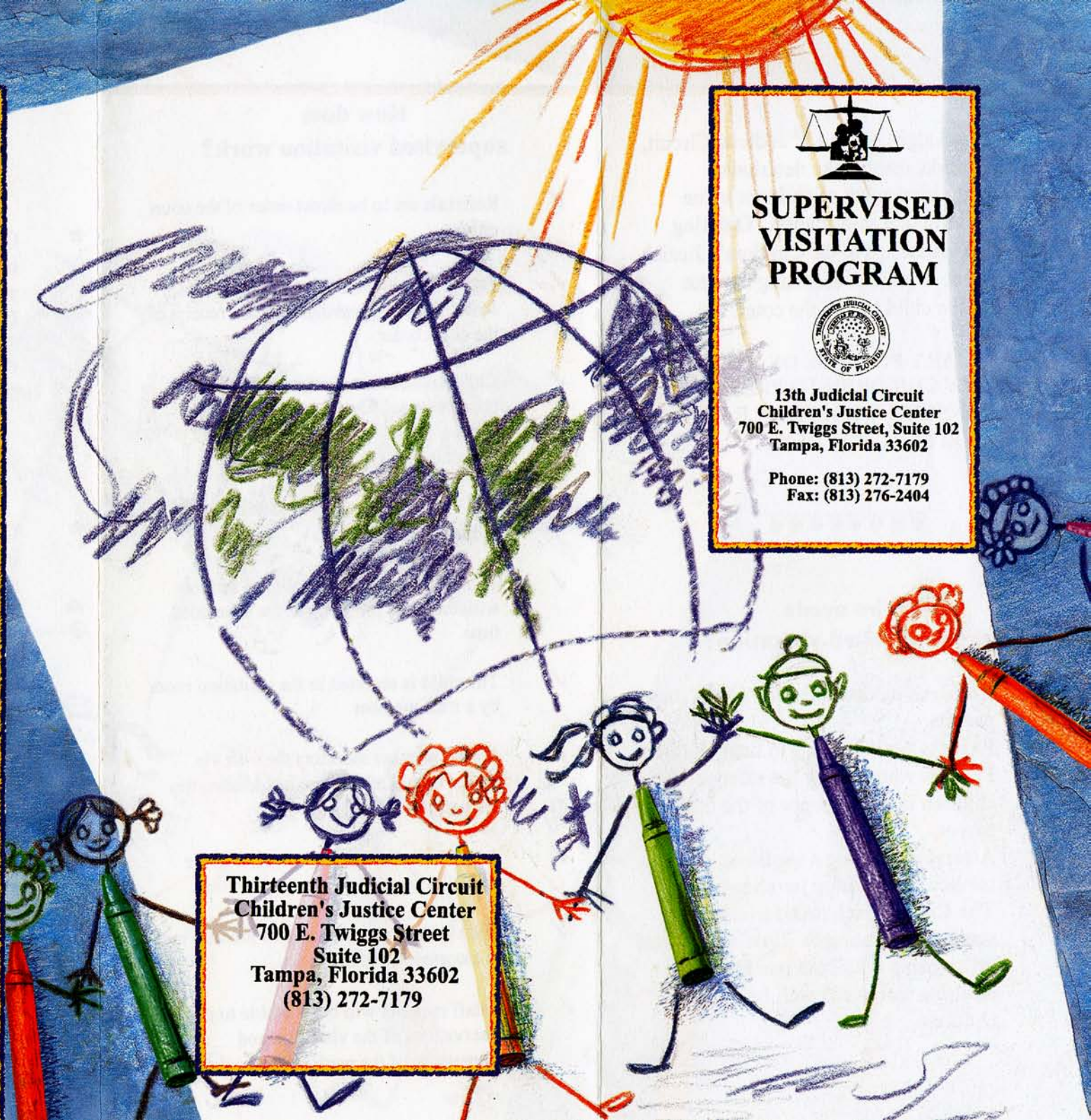
**SUPERVISED
VISITATION
PROGRAM**



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Family Law judges in the 13th Judicial Circuit, Tampa, Florida, must make decisions regarding the placement of children in the midst of conflicting information. Ordering supervised visitations at the Children's Justice Center is one avenue of assessing the best interest of the child before the court.

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF VISITING IS TO ALLOW CHILDREN TO PRESERVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE IMPORTANT TO THEM.



Who needs the supervised visitation?

- ◆ **Children** denied access to one of their parents.
- ◆ **Parents** denied access to their children.
- ◆ **Parents** who fear for the safety of their children in the presence of the other parent.
- ◆ **Attorneys** seeking a mediated, safe method of visitation for clients.
- ◆ **The Court** which needs to enforce statutes mandating children's continued relationship with both parents, while ensuring safety and well-being of the children.

How does supervised visitation work?

- ✓ Referrals are to be direct order of the court only.
- ✓ Parties should inform the Children's Justice Center immediately upon receipt of the court order.
- ✓ Children's Justice Center staff will coordinate schedule of visitation with parties, as well as availability of CJC schedule.
- ✓ The visiting party arrives 15 minutes prior to the scheduled visit.
- ✓ The custodial party or designee arrives with the child promptly at the scheduled time.
- ✓ The child is escorted in the visitation room by a staff member.
- ✓ A staff member monitors the visit via closed circuit television; in addition, the visitation is videotaped.
- ✓ A staff member escorts the child to the custodial parent at the end of the visit.
- ✓ The visiting party remains 15 minutes and is escorted out of the room.
- ✓ A staff member will be available to present observations of the visitation and cooperation of the parties to the court.

What is my responsibility as custodian of my child?

Contact the Children's Justice Center for instructions regarding orientation and parking arrangements.
Review the Family Visitation Agreement. Arrive promptly at the Children's Justice Center for the scheduled visit and be present at the end of the visit.

What is my responsibility as the parent who visits?

Contact the Children's Justice Center for instructions regarding orientation and parking arrangements.
Review the Family Visitation Agreement. Arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled visit and remain 15 minutes after the visit has ended.

How long does supervised visitation last?

Based on child development principles, the length of each visit is one hour. To accommodate as many families as possible, no more than two visits are scheduled each week.
The court may specify a future court date to determine if supervised visits should continue. At any time, one of the parties may motion the court to reconsider supervised visitation