

Innovative Connections for Families

Children Matter

Child Protection
Law Webinar





Our Mission

Children Matter is commissioned to support children in placement homes during the permanency process by providing safe monitored visitation in a comfortable and HOME LIKE setting. We're a visitation center with a unique difference.

Our mission is to
PROTECT CHILDREN and REBUILD FAMILIES



Achievements

Since 2019

- 7 families fully or partially reunified
- 10 families moved to unsupervised visits (several others are getting close!)
- 16 parents completed our 12 week *Active Parenting* curriculum program (est. end of 2021)

In 2021

- 73 active families in the program
- 120 children were served
- 76 parents engaged in one on one parent coaching





Covid Creativity

- Everyone is encouraged to wear masks.
- Covid questionnaires are sent before visits
- We clean and sanitize after every visit.
- We encourage time outside when possible.
- Our larger visitation rooms are used when possible.
- We received a county grant for air purifiers, hand sanitizer stations, and cleaning supplies.
- We also host virtual visits when necessary to remain consistent.

Protect



Overview

We protect children by hosting supervised visitations in a PEACEFUL place, allowing families the ability to maintain and nurture bonding while parents work on reuniting their family.

Implementation

- Weekly (consistent) visits provide the children with a sense of safety and set expectations.
- A homelike atmosphere allows the families to feel and simulate what a healthy home should be and feel like.
- The home atmosphere allows parents to plan and execute activities that take place at home.



PROTECT

Implementation



We provide case workers and the court system with adequate and accurate documentation to help determine the best long-term home solution for the children.

Our visitation locations, have a living room, dining table, a kitchen to warm the meal /snack they bring for their children during visits. A warm infant and toddler room, a space for older children. Fenced in backyards for outdoor activities.

Toys, books, games, crafts, and family dvd's are also provided.



Rebuild

Children Matter believes that if the biological parents can provide a loving and safe home for their children, they are the best option for a child.

We have come to realize that children in placement homes are not looking for a new family but simply want their own family to be a healthier, safe, loving and a more stable home to be a part of.

We promote the rebuilding of families by...

Providing hands on training for parents before and after the visit using our parent curriculum and goal sheets for goal setting.

15 minutes before the visit parents arrive for individual parent coaching; 15 minutes after the visit the parent remains to discuss how well they did with the goals.

Fostering family connection; parents can host family dinners at the dining table, have game time in the living room, and snuggle time on the couch.

Placement families do not bring any supplies for the children other than homework. Biological parents are required to bring all their child will need for a visit; encouraging responsibility.



We keep accurate records for caseworkers and the court. We indicate if they didn't bring food, diapers or supplies for an adequate visit.

We don't coddle the parents, we equip them with the training, encouragement and accountability they need to remain focused during this time.

If their goal is to have their family back we can help guide them there.

Rebuild



Atmosphere



Family picnic at Children Matter – Atascosa

Special Moments

The atmosphere we create by providing a home like and peaceful setting creates long lasting family memories.



Lasting Memories

We encourage family enrichment during visits. Family traditions, new and old, are welcome!



Connect with us!



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Email us at info@childrenmtm.org for referral guidance or information on our private services; the **S.A.F.E** program.

We can host your client's next supervised visit or custody exchange.

