

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT THE WELLSPRING ALLIANCE FOR FAMILIES

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At a glance



Established in 2005



Monroe, Louisiana

Serving Northeast Louisiana



Community served

Our community is small-ish, very rural, very poverty-filled.



WELLSPRING

Supervised Visitation Center

VELLSPRING ALLIANCE VISITATION CENTER FUNDING

OVW JFF funding synopsis

- Funded since 2015
- Currently on second renewal of the original grant

Other uses of funding

- Train community partners
- commercials
- needs such as gas cards or bus vouchers

Other funding sources

- funded by OVW
- support other programming needs.

• Expand promotional products such as brochures and

• Help at-risk mothers and children with transportation

• The Wellspring Supervised Visitation Center is fully

• The Wellspring has many other funding sources to

Wellspring Alliance **Supervised Visitation Center**



Visitation services provided

Supervised visitation and supervised exchanges



About our services

• We provide services only on the weekends • Currently, we serve about 30–35 families ○ 15–17 visits per week

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- Fridays
 - **4 7pm**
- Saturdays
 - 9am 3pm



About our team

- 1 program coordinator
 - 40 hours/week
- 2 main supervisors
 - 40 hours/week
- 4 monitors/interns
 - 12–15 hours/week
- We also have advocates that help with scheduling and extra
 - resources when needed.

MEETING THE DIVERSE AND UNIQUE NEEDS OF OUR FAMILIES

The Wellspring Alliance Visitation Center meets the diverse and unique needs of our families by being open and available. We meet people where they are at.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Our facility is unique in that we are a larger nonprofit with many community partners due to the numerous resources we offer.

When it comes to supervised visitation, all of us are either LPCs, LMFTs, or in grad school training to be such. Therefore we have the ability to easily offer counseling services for our moms if need be.

Above that, we also have case workers, lawyers, law enforcement officials, housing support, homeless services, veteran services, and battered women shelters all at our fingertips. The Wellspring does have a board of directors filled with local businesspersons, health care advocates, engineers, volunteers, etc. They oversee all of the Wellspring's programs, not just the SV department.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS CONTINUED

The biggest community collaborative we have for supervised visitation is a committee called the Safe Task Force. This is a committee that meets once a quarter and is focused on domestic violence and sexual assault.

We have one or two representatives from specific walks of life represented here, such as judges, hearing officers, law officers, lawyers, DCFS workers, religious/spiritual leaders, sexual assault experts and advocates, and of course us, supervised visitation providers.



WELLSPRING ALLIANCE'S PHYSICAL SPACE

Overview

- Small-ish building doubles as counseling center
- 2 restrooms, one on each side of building

Two separate entrances

Lobby

• Check-in space for at-risk parents

Kitchen (on other side of building)

• Check-in space for offending parents

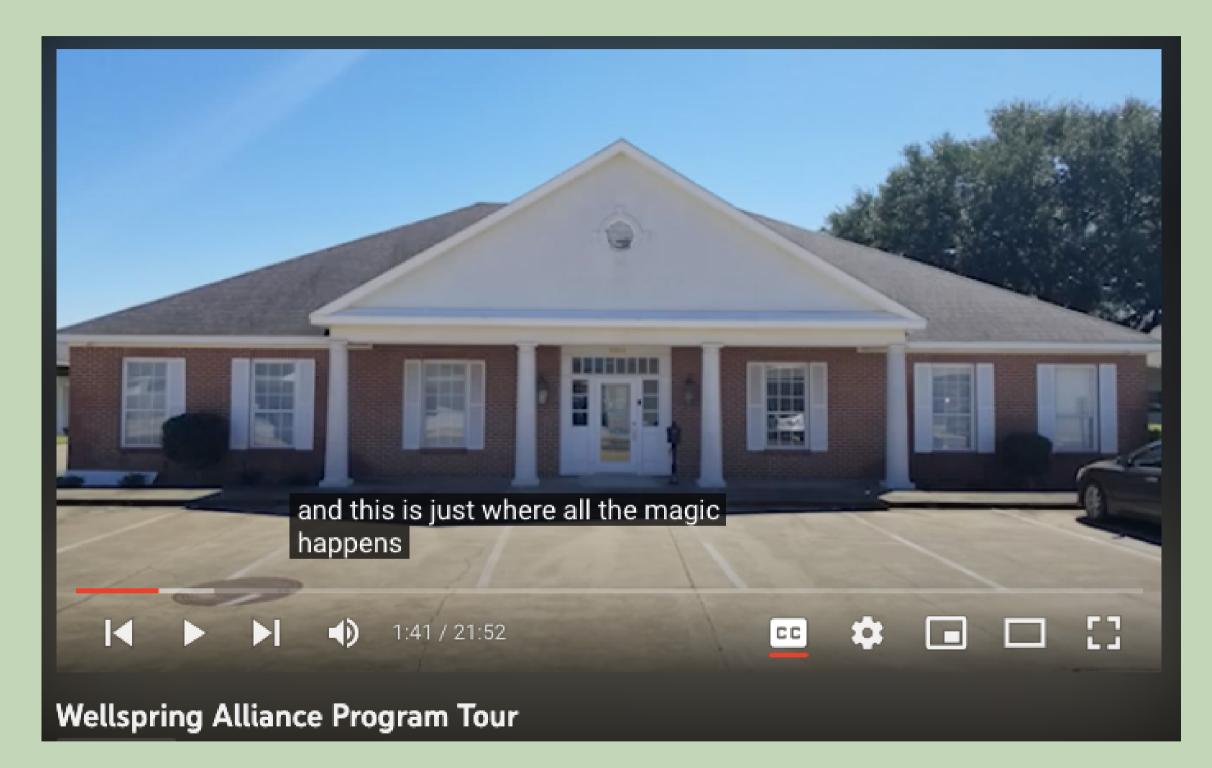
Layout

One big rectangle

- Central hub in center houses staff office and security camera screens so supervisors can observe from a safe space
- Visitation rooms around outer rim

Individual visitation rooms

- 8 in total, though normally only 6 used
- Rooms double as counselor's offices when not in SV use





Thank you for being part of this tour of **The Wellspring Alliance's Supervised Visitation Center!**

Learn more about us at https://wellspringofnela.org/

We'd love to answer any questions you may have about our services, physical space, or other details.

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