

# PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT JOURNEY CENTER FOR SAFETY AND HEALING

## SAFE AND SOUND VISITATION CENTER

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## At a glance



Established in 1997



Cleveland, Ohio

Serving greater Cleveland and surrounding counties



#### **Community served**

Safe and Sound Visitation Center serves families who are affected by domestic violence, child abuse, mental health, and other issues.



Safe & Sound Supervised Visitation Center

### SAFE AND SOUND VISITATION CENTER FUNDING

## OVW JFF funding synopsis

- In the past, OVW funding (Safe Haven grant program) has allowed Safe and Sound Visitation Center (SSVC) to relocate to its present location
- SSCV was not awarded OVW funding in 2017.
- In 2019, SSVC received an OVW-JFF three-year award, and we were just awarded a continuation grant which started October 2022.

#### Use of funding

- OVW JFF funds our supervised visitation partnership, which allows us to have an Onsite Intake Specialist at our Domestic Relations Court
- Access to the intake specialist has allowed a decrease in incomplete intakes with families and an increase in communication with court staff

#### Other funding sources

- SSVC is also used for supervised visitation and exchanges that do not have a history of violence. These families are able to use our services by funding provided by community foundations and the county's Fatherhood Initiative Program.
- It is important that SSVC provides services to as many families as possible due to the increased violence witnessed during exchanges outside of the visitation center.

#### Safe and Sound Visitation Center



## Visitation services provided

Supervised visitation and supervised exchanges



#### About our services

- Supervised visitation provided to ~ 150 families every month
- Families receive visitation every other week
- Supervised visits are typically 1 hour 45 minutes
  - Presently shortened to 1 hour and 30 minutes to give us time to deeply clean the rooms due to COVID-19
- 75 visits every month
- 35 safe exchanges every month, with room for expansion

#### Safe and Sound Visitation Center



#### Hours

- Monday-Thursday
  - 8:30am-6pm: Intakes and tours
- Friday
  - 9am-4pm: Intakes and tours
  - 4–8pm: Visits and exchanges
- Saturday
  - 9am-4pm: Visits and exchanges
- Sunday
  - 10am-5pm: Vists and exchanges



#### About our team

- Friday-Sunday (part-time)
  - 15 supervised visitation monitors, hours vary based on availability
  - On-site security guard during all weekend visitation services
- Full-time
  - Supervised visitation manager
  - Intake specialist
  - Lead monitor



## MEETING THE DIVERSE AND UNIQUE NEEDS OF OUR FAMILIES

Safe and Sound Visitation Center welcomes the diverse and unique cultures of the families we serve. Not only does our staff reflect our diverse community's culture, but we also work with Journey Center's DEI Core team. SSVC also meets the unique needs of our families by conducting intakes before service begins, as a way to gain information about families' needs.



## **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

SSVC collaborates with multiple community partners, including:

- The Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Institute
- Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court Family First Program
- Steering Committee Advisory Board
- Legal Aid
- The Journey Center's Justice System Advocate
   Program

Our partnerships with these and other organizations offer families wrap-around services and resources.

# SAFE AND SOUND'S PHYSICAL SPACE

### Five individual visitation rooms

Including one ADAaccessible visitation room and a large common area available to the families

#### Large family area

- Indoor jungle gym
- 1/2 basketball court
- Kitchenette
- Play area
  - Includes riding toys, air
     hockey, table tennis, and
     arcade-style basketball game

## Two separate lobbies

Families are able to wait here before and after visitation

#### The Healing Room

Separate room incorporated in the residential lobby for child and parent check-in





## Thank you for being part of this tour of Safe and Sound Visitation Center!

Learn more about us at https://www.journeyneo.org/safe-sound-supervised-visitation-center

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

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