

City of Lawrence  
Social Service Agency  
Bi-annual Report  
2012

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Casey Toomay, Budget Manger at [ctoomay@lawrenceks.org](mailto:ctoomay@lawrenceks.org). Reports on activities from January to June are due on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Reports on activities from July through December are due on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Agency Name: TFI Family Services Inc. Visitation Exchange Center**

**Reporting period:**             **January - June**             **July - December**  
(deadline July 15)                                  (deadline February 15)

1. Give a brief narrative of the activities that were funded with City funds over the reporting period checked above.

Supervised visitations are provided to parents who are usually court ordered to have supervision of their parenting time with their children. In most situations, this is for reasons such as domestic violence, child abuse, substance use, criminal activity, and family reintegration. Staff ensure children are physically and emotionally safe and work to increase bonding and engagement between parent and child.

Monitored exchanges are a neutral drop off and pick up of the child between separated or divorced parents. This service ensures the children are not exposed to fighting, violence or conflict between the parents. It also helps reduce the risk for child abduction, driving children while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, and for domestic violence during the drop off/pick up.

Funds continue to be used toward the VEC Manager’s and staff’s salaries. The Manager position provides supervision, oversight, direct service provision and other duties to maintain the quality of services at this Center. Staff provide direct services, documentation and client education.

2. Provide specific detail (and supportive documents, if needed) to demonstrate progress made toward your goals/objectives.

- A. Ninety percent (90%) of visits/exchanges will be conducted without security incidents.

Progress: 100% of visits and exchanges have been without security incidents. Staff and security officers have been diligent in ensuring clients understand the process and expectations prior to services beginning, and we strongly feel these preventative measures have been instrumental in preventing security incidents these past two quarters.

- B. Ninety-five percent (95%) of parenting time will be free from parental violence.

Progress: 100% of parenting time has been free from parental violence thus far in the grant year.

- C. Children will not be exposed to parental fighting or conflict during at least ninety-five percent (95%) of services.

Progress: The VEC has provided 333 supervised visits and 355 supervised exchanges thus far in the grant year. At the six-month reporting date, there have not been any incidents of parental conflict or fighting during the parenting time or drop offs/pick-ups, making a 100% success rate thus far.

3. How have you impacted the citizens of Lawrence?

The VEC has provided services for 96 children of 65 families from our community. These services reduce the risks listed in the narrative above (#1), as well as reduce law enforcement's burden to respond to civil standby or other domestic calls.

The Josh Powell case in Washington State has been a tragic reminder of the need for structured supervised visitation services – as frustrating as it can sometimes be for the supervisee, we provide the citizens of Lawrence a safe place to offer parenting time with less risk for harm or death to the children and ex-spouse.

4. What barriers, if any, have you encountered?

To date we have not experienced barriers to providing quality services.

5. Review the line-item budget you provided in your application. How much of your allocation has been spent?

50% of the total annual grant allocation has been spent.