

Six Key Operating Principles for Determining Oversight

1. Honor the attachments and bond between the child, parent, siblings and family.
2. Safety and Risk Assessment for visitation occurs, along with an assessment of the parent's protective capacities, to determine the least restrictive type of visitation oversight (see attached restrictive continuum). *Assessment of safety and risk for visitation may look different than the assessment of safety and risk for reunification.
3. Visitation plans, driven by the family and supported by teams, are regularly reassessed to acknowledge progress made by the family and determine the current least restrictive visitation option for the family.
4. When a visit requires oversight, objective measurable goals are identified to determine what the family is to accomplish in order to eliminate visitation safety threats, build parental protective capacities and move to the least restrictive visitation.
5. Support during visitation is provided when the team determines it to be necessary and appropriate.
6. A parent and/or child's physical, developmental, emotional and cognitive abilities are considered.

Oversight vs. Support Matrix

	Supervised	Unsupervised
With Support	<p>Child's safety and well-being are at risk and require supervision. Parent needs support to understand and meet child's needs, or develop/maintain attachment and connection to the child.</p> <p><i>Ex. Children recently removed due to abuse or neglect. Goal may be reunification or adoption; support is appropriate for either</i></p>	<p>Child's safety and well-being are assured and visits may occur without any need for supervision. Parent needs support to refine their ability to understand and meet child's needs, or develop/maintain attachment and connection to the child.</p> <p><i>Ex. Parent and child transitioning to child's return home; reunification goal.</i></p>
Without Support	<p>Child's safety and well-being are at risk and require supervision. Parent does not demonstrate capability to have insight into child's needs and/or parent's own need to change their behavior.</p> <p><i>Ex. Visitation is solely for the purpose of providing the child with contact with the parent/ closely supervised. Reunification is not likely or is not a goal, or parent is pursuing prerequisite treatment goals before parenting can become a priority.</i></p>	<p>Child's safety and well-being are assured, parent is attuned to and responsive to child's needs, parent-child bond is strong. Placement not due to lack of parenting ability or protective capacity.</p> <p><i>Ex. Homelessness due to job loss; reunification goal</i></p>