

## Supportive Visitation Services – Notice of Funding Opportunity

### NOTICE OF UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) intends to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to establish the provider network for an Evidence-Informed, statewide, Supportive Visitation Services (SVS) program. The RFP is anticipated to be released in May 2024.

Through this RFP, DCF will establish SVS services in each of the state's twenty-one (21) counties for families with children who are in out-home-placement through the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P). SVS strengthens familial interactions and improves parent-child reunification success rates.

The SVS model offers therapeutic and supportive visitation occurring in the presence of a mental health or specially trained professional, who is actively involved in supporting attachment and behavior change in the parent-child relationship. SVS is designed to provide these services on a continuum, recognizing that most families will require less frequent therapeutic support and more frequent supportive and unsupervised visits as they work toward reunification. SVS also includes up to six months of after care services, supporting the family after reunification.

The RFP will seek providers that:

- Will maintain a team of visitation specialists along with supervisory and support staff,
- Will provide the full spectrum of SVS services, in accordance with the SVS model, within a designated region, and
- Will enroll as a Medicaid provider and bill Medicaid for certain components of the SVS service.

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