

Children's Home & Aid **Family Visitation Center (FVC)** is expanding services for families experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, child sexual abuse, sexual assault, and stalking.

With the Justice for Families Program Grant through the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), the FVC will provide 35 weekly supervised visitations and safe exchanges. The FVC offers a safe, child-friendly setting at 403 S. State St. in Bloomington, IL. The FVC incorporates safety features and protocols to ensure meetings between children and parents are nurturing and protected from violence. Although Children's Home & Aid has a long history of providing this service to McLean County residents, the grant will now allow families throughout the 11th Judicial Circuit, which includes Ford, Livingston, Logan, and Woodford counties, to also participate.

Besides family programming, Children's Home & Aid will also facilitate annual trauma sensitivity trainings for court-based and court-related personnel. In addition, brown bag lunch trainings will be offered to judges, attorneys and court personnel.

The three year grant will commence on October 1st, 2019. Children's Home & Aid will host a FVC Open House at 403 S. State St. in Bloomington, IL on October 24th from 12pm - 2pm. It will be an opportunity to meet the team, tour the facility and learn more about services.

We are excited to offer these newly expanded services to continue to support children, youth and families to thrive in strong communities.

Tiffany Powell, MS
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Join us for the Family Visitation Center Open House on October 24th!

Children's Home & Aid is a leading child and family service agency in Illinois, serving nearly 40,000 children and families each year in over 60 counties. We partner with children, youth and families whose potential is at risk to create hope, opportunity, and bright futures. Since 1883, Children's Home & Aid has been a leader in responding to the changing needs of disadvantaged children and families in Illinois and shaping public policies in child welfare, early childhood and youth services.

Children's Home & Aid's Central Region serves 3,000 children and families every year with prevention, family support and family strengthening services. To learn more, visit www.childrenshomeandaid.org.