

VISITATION VALLEY STRONG FAMILY

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MISSION

The Visitation Valley Family Services Collaboratives (VVFSC) Mission is: to engage, strengthen, and empower Visitation Valley (VV) families, encouraging and supporting them to become advocates for themselves and active in the community.

VISION

VVFSC strives to achieve and engage families who are at risk of child abuse, truancy, neglect, mental health problems and domestic violence. Our goal is to strengthen the ability of partners to care for themselves and their children by promoting resiliency and enhancing parents' social connections. Our strength-based philosophy is to help families identify and capitalize upon their strengths, assets and resources - in order to build upon these for long-term family stability. Our approach is culturally responsive, looking at family relationships and cultural strengths and building upon it.

Through all the services provided, parents will have the knowledge, skill strategies and emotional support to parent effectively. Children and youth will thrive in a nurtured, safe, healthy and supported environment ready to learn and be successful in school. Families will also receive services to help them meet their basic needs and build their own capacity to improve family functioning - to know where to seek help and find support to live healthy lives.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Parenting Education and Support

Triple P Parenting Classes, Parents Support Groups, Parenting/Educational Workshops

Access to Resources and Opportunities

Basic/Comprehensive Information/Referral, Family Support Days, Food Pantry

School Readiness/Success Promotion

Play and Glow, Drop-In Childcare, Parent Information Workshops
Summer Nature Camp

Community Building

Outreach, Community Events/Cultural Celebrations, Eat and Greet

Parent Leadership

Parent Leadership Development, Youth/Parent Volunteer Activities

Case Management

Family Advocacy/Case Management
Intensive Case Management
Domestic Violence Case Management

Linkages with Child Welfare Services

Differential/Community Response, Team Decision Making,
Monitored Visitation for foster children and biological parents

Neighborhood Collaboration/Connection

Working with Community and Partner Service Providers

Counseling Services

Individual Counseling
Family Counseling
School Counseling at Visitation Valley Middle School
Girl's Group Counseling at Boys and Girls Group

Career Counseling

Career Goal Development, Job Search Services

SUCCESS STORY

Client is a 34-year-old mother from Mexico with three children. She has an 11 and 10 year old boy and a 5 year old daughter. She is in a relationship with the father of her children but they are not married. The children and mother are currently living in a three-bedroom apartment and father lives on his own. Although the father doesn't live with them, he provides emotional and financial support to the family. He is also very involved with the children's lives. The CR referral was made on February 2013 after the mother allegedly hit her daughter. The report was not substantiated.

The family was very receptive and interested in receiving services. The family has been very proactive in working and being open to services. Mother had concerns because her daughter was having a difficult time transitioning into school. As a result, her behavior has been a challenge to maintain at home and at school. DRL was able to assist family by connecting the daughter to counseling/therapy services. The daughter is now receiving therapy services once a week at the family's home. The mother has also become more involved and engaged in her children's lives. DRL also worked with her on how to build better relationships with her children and be more empathetic. The DRL will continue to work with the family to make sure their goals are being met.