Other Services Available from Northwoods Caregivers

- Volunteer Handypersons
- Respite Care
- Local Transportation
- Shopping Assistance
- First City Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchanges
- Homemaking
- Caregiver Coaching

For more information about these services call toll-free (888) 534-4432 or (218) 333-8264

" First City is a place that I feel safe bringing my children for exchanges."

Northwoods Caregivers Mission

Connecting, Enriching, and Empowering the Lives of Northwoods Individuals and Families.

Northwoods Caregivers would like to thank those who support our mission:

United Way of Bemidji Area

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SLIDING fee SCALE

DHS CS/CD Grant

If you would like more information about First City Visitation Services or other services provided by Northwoods Caregivers please contact us today.

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A divorce or separation brings with it many challenges, especially for the children. During this stressful time, parents or guardians may find it difficult to communicate with one another in a manner that does not cause greater emotional harm to their child.

Because of this, First City Visitation Services offers a positive, child-friendly and neutral site where children and parents can be assured that a supervised visit or exchange will be safe and conflict free.

" Without your service, my son would not have a chance of a relationship with his father."

Services

First City Visitation Services offers a neutral, child-friendly space, allowing for the avoidance of conflict between custodial and non-custodial parents or guardians for:

- Dropping off/picking up children for visitation exchange
- Supervised visits
- Parent/child information and referral
- Court documentation of supervised visits

" I am treated with respect at First City."

Who is Eligible to use First City Visitation Services?

Any child, parent or guardian who meets the following criteria:

- Fear of possible violence or intimidation connected with an exchange/visitation
- Concern the non-custodial parent will not return the child after the visit
- Children who are in foster care because of abuse or neglect, but are allowed supervised visits
- Supervised visits ordered by the court

Cost

First City Visitation Services are provided on a Sliding Fee Scale in order to keep it affordable for everyone requiring these services. Fees must be paid in advance before a visit or exchange can take place. Some counties served by First City do pay for these visits.

" First City staff did not judge me and gave me the opportunity to know my daughter."

Scheduling an Exchange or Visit

Once each parent and/or guardian have been separately interviewed, a staff member will explain how the visitation program works and will assist with the completion of the necessary forms (a nominal fee of $20 per party will be charged to cover the cost of this meeting).

After the intake interview, when payment has been received, a visit or exchange can be scheduled based on of staff availability.