

# **COUNTY OF YOLO**

## Health and Human Services Agency

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#### **Visitation Guidelines**

In light of the shelter in place order issued on March 19, 2020, you will see some changes to the visitation process for the children in your care. The agency is working collaboratively with Yolo County Superior Court, visitation contractors, biological families, Social Workers and Resource Families to adjust current visitation practices and move to 100% telephonic or video conferencing visitation in alignment with shelter in place orders, and to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

We understand that you may have already received communication from our various visitation providers outlining changes to their visitation practices, and in some cases, our providers have indicated that they are suspending visitation all together. Should that be the case, the Agency will pick up the supervision of visitation that has suspended. You will be contacted by a representative from our agency to coordinate all Court Ordered visitation.

Our primary goal regarding visitation during this time is to ensure that children are able to maintain consistent contact with their biological parent while complying with shelter in place orders. Since visitation orders are sometimes for a significant number of hours per visit, adjustments will need to be made to ensure that virtual visitation is feasible. This may include shortening the length of time per visit but increasing the frequency of contact. You will be provided technical assistance should you need help setting up virtual access by phone, laptop, or tablet to use virtual methods of communication which may include Zoom, FaceTime or VSEE.

#### **Visitation Coordination from Lilliput**

Should the children in your home have supervised visitation coordinated by our contractor Lilliput Family Services, they will coordinate visitation directly with caregivers and biological families and have adopted a virtual visitation model.

### **Visitation Coordination from Bobbie Stewart Consulting**

Supervised visitation coordinated by Bobbie Stewart was initially suspended as of March 18, 2020. However, after further collaboration, Bobbie Stewart Consulting has been able to adapt to virtual visitation and will coordinate visitation with you. Should Bobbie Stewart be unable to fulfill previous visitation schedule, Yolo County Child Welfare Services will assume responsibility for visitation coordination and provide virtual visitation.

#### **Visitation Coordination through Foster Family Agencies**

Visitation that has been arranged through your Foster Family Agency will remain within their care. FFAs that are unable to meet Court ordered visitation requirements will partner with Yolo County Child Welfare Services to find solutions and coverage.



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## **Visitation Coordination from Yolo County Child Welfare Agency**

You will be contacted by a Child Welfare representative to schedule virtual visitation and walk through virtual platform setup. The agency will act as the supervisor for all virtual visitation.

\*Please Note that these guidelines are subject to change as directives from CDSS continue to be modified