

Visitation

Primary Resources

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<p>Edwards, L.P. (2003). Judicial oversight of parental visitation in family reunification cases. <i>Juvenile and Family Court Journal</i>, 1-24.</p>	<p>This article explores the issue of visitation between a child and parents and addresses the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the importance of visitation in the context of family reunification; 2) the results of an informal study of visitation practices in several jurisdictions; 3) the law relating to visitation in child protection proceedings; 4) some best practices that have been identified by commentators; 5) the role of the judge regarding visitation issues; and 6) some recommendations for judges and court systems regarding visitation. <p>The article concludes that visitation between a child and parents often occurs too infrequently; as a result, the relationship between the child and parents can be damaged, the child can suffer further trauma, and the chances for successful family reunification may be reduced. Finally, judges and social service agencies can and must improve both the quality and quantity of parent-child visitation.</p>	<p>This article, written by a juvenile and family court judge, directly relates to judges and provides practical advice. The best practice section and the role of the judge section are excellent.</p> <p>This article is an excellent guide for both new and seasoned judges.</p>

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<p>Smariga, M. (2007). <i>Visitation with infants and toddlers in foster care: What judges and attorneys need to know.</i> American Bar Association, Center on Children and the Law and Zero to Three Policy Center.</p>	<p>This paper explains why visitation is particularly important for very young children, emphasizes the role of visitation in permanency planning, highlights key elements of successful visitation plans for infants and toddlers, suggests strategies for addressing barriers to visitation, reviews the judge's role in supporting parent-child visits, and shares promising community approaches to visitation.</p>	<p>Very good article with a section on promising practices that is useful.</p>

