

## CONDITIONS

### Does SAP Huron-Perth enforce court orders?

No. SAP Huron-Perth facilitates the conditions of court orders, making access and visitation possible for families.

### Does SAP Huron-Perth provide service to children who are in the care of a Children's Aid Society?

No. SAP Huron-Perth supervises visits and exchanges in custody and access matters only. Child welfare (protection) cases are typically supervised by the Children's Aid Society (CAS). If CAS is providing support, we may be able to assist.

### Are parents required to be in contact during the visitation or exchange?

No. Children are fully supervised by SAP Huron-Perth staff during transition times - parents will not have contact with one another.

### Are visiting parties responsible for children during visits?

Yes. Parties are responsible for their children while on the SAP Huron-Perth site.

### When would a visit or exchange be terminated?

Visits or exchanges will not proceed if SAP Huron-Perth staff have concerns about the safety of children or adults due to intoxication, inappropriate or threatening behaviour or other relevant circumstances.

## TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Visit length is a maximum of two to three hours. Times include transition periods between pick-up and drop-off.

\* indicates Skype access available for a maximum of 1 hour per visit.

### STRATFORD\*

Days, evenings and weekends available.

Please call for details.

### LISTOWEL\*

Weekly

**Wednesday 6:15-8:45 pm**

**First & third weekend of each month.**

**Friday 6:15-8:45 pm**

**Sunday 9:15-11:45 am**

**12:15-2:45 pm**

**2:45-5:15 pm**

Other times may be available by appointment.

### CLINTON\*

**Friday 6:15-8:45 pm**

**Second & fourth weekend of each month.**

**Saturday 9:15-11:45 am**

**12:45-3:15 pm**

**Sunday 9:15-11:45 am**

**12:15-3:45 pm**

other times may be available. Please call to discuss.

### GODERICH

**Thursday 6:15-8:45 pm**

**First & third weekend of each month.**

**Saturday 8:45-12:15 p.m & 12:45-3:15 pm**

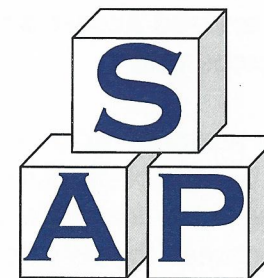
**Sunday 8:45-11:45 a.m & 12:15-3:45 pm**

other times may be available. Please call to discuss.

### EXETER

**By appointment. Daytime and evening visits available. Maximum of two hours.**

**Subject to Change. Please contact the Coordinator for more information.**



## Supervised Access and Visitation Exchange Program of Huron-Perth

For more information about SAP Huron-Perth, please contact the Coordinator at:

**519-508-6101 (Perth)**

**519-482-8766 (Huron)**

**or Toll-Free:**

**1-888-508-6101**

Email: [accesslou@wightman.ca](mailto:accesslou@wightman.ca)

Huron Fax:519-482-8721

Perth Fax:519-508-6102

Please call before faxing.



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## **What is Supervised Access and Visitation Exchange?**

When parents separate, access visits with children may be a problem. Sometimes, difficulties arise at the time of the exchange of the child between the parents, guardians or relatives. Other times, there may be concerns about the visits themselves.

Supervised Access and Visitation Exchange services offer separated families a way to deal with some of these problems by providing safe and secure settings where visits and exchanges can take place under the supervision of trained staff and volunteers.

## **Is Supervised Access Visitation and Exchange Huron Perth Accessible?**

Yes we are accessible, please call to discuss how we may assist you.



## **Access or visits may need to be supervised when?**

- ▶ there are concerns about the safety of the child and/or the parent;
- ▶ the non-custodial parent has a drug or alcohol problem or a psychiatric disability;
- ▶ there has been a lengthy separation between the parent and child; or
- ▶ there is a risk of abduction.

## **What does SAP Huron-Perth do?**

- ▶ Provides a safe, neutral and child-focused setting for visits between a child and a non-custodial family member.
- ▶ Ensures the safety of all participants, including staff and volunteers.
- ▶ Provides trained staff and volunteers who are sensitive to the needs of the child.
- ▶ Provides the court and/or lawyers with factual observations about the participants' use of the service.
- ▶ Offers orientation for all involved parties.

## **Who can use SAP Huron-Perth?**

Families can use SAP Huron-Perth if:

- ▶ they have a court order for supervised visits and exchanges; or
- ▶ both parties agree, in writing, to the use of SAP Huron-Perth services.

## **How do I get access to SAP Huron-Perth services?**

You must contact SAP Huron-Perth directly. We will need a copy of your court order, endorsement or agreement for supervised access. Both parents will be asked to participate in separate interviews at SAP Huron-Perth before service is offered. Each parent will be asked to sign an agreement with SAP Huron-Perth, including release of information forms. Arrangements for the payment of fees will also be discussed at this time. Subsidies are available.

## **Does SAP Huron-Perth charge fees for their services?**

Yes. SAP Huron-Perth fees for visitation or exchanges are a maximum of \$30.00 per visit/exchange per family. Subsidies are available for those unable to afford this fee. Reports that document the exchange or visit may be requested or visit may be requested by parents or lawyers. Fees for reports range from \$100.00 to \$400.00.

## **How does SAP Huron-Perth ensure the safety of families, staff and volunteers?**

- ▶ Staggered drop off and pick up times.
- ▶ An attendant on duty at the front door.
- ▶ Staff or volunteers who accompany children at all times during visits.
- ▶ Additional staff available as back up to the volunteers.
- ▶ A close relationship with the local police.
- ▶ Security checks for all involved parties.

## **Do SAP Huron-Perth staff and volunteers have special skills or training?**

Yes. SAP Huron-Perth staff are trained to be aware of issues such as domestic family violence, child development, abuse, mental health and substance abuse problems. Staff and volunteers are sensitive to the needs of children, particularly those who are involved in high conflict custody and access disputes. However, SAP staff and volunteers do not provide counselling to children or parents.