

Purposeful Visitation Study Guide

1. Why is Visitation and Family Time important in child welfare services?
2. What are the visitation requirements of each of the following federal, state and/or county mandates?
 - a. Adoption and Safe Families Act
 - b. Indian Child Welfare Act
 - c. Child Welfare System Outcomes and Accountability Act (AB636)
 - d. Welfare and Institutions Code sections 362.1 and 308(a)
 - e. County policy

3. What are some positive outcomes associated with visitation and family time?

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4. Visitation and family time serve multiple purposes that are noted below; highlight some elements of each purpose:
 - a. Opportunity for skill practice
 - b. Address feelings
 - c. Facilitation attachment
 - d. Meaningful and purposeful activities
 - e. Assessment

5. Conversely, what is visitation and family time not?

6. Below are the elements of purposeful visitation and family time. Write down some of the key points to each of the elements.

a. Family Engagement

b. Full Disclosure

c. Purpose

d. Frequency/Length

e. Location/Activities

7. What are the four levels of supervision?

8. In designing a visitation plan, what safety factors should be considered when any of the following allegations are present?

a. Sexual Abuse

b. Substance Use

c. Intimate Partner Violence

9. Consider the phases of visitation and family time and provide some key points for each phase.

Initial Phase	Middle Phase
Transition Phase – Reunification	Transition Phase – Permanency/Adoption

10. What steps should you as a social worker take before, during and after visitation to ensure it is successful?

Before

During

After

11. Consider and list some tools, resources and/or strategies you as a social worker can use to make each visitation successful for each of the following:
 - a. Child
 - b. Parent
 - c. Caregiver
12. Why is it important to document the components of visitation and family time, efforts to engage the family at all stages of the case and full disclosure conversations?

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