

A New Program Begins at the Child Crisis Center

The Child Crisis Center, an emergency shelter for abused and neglected children in Mesa, AZ is now home to a new program serving children and families in our community, the Supervised Visitation Program.

Often times, children in the custody of the state have to visit with their family members in public places such as parks, malls, or fast food restaurants. These places do not resemble a home and are sometimes not as inviting and comforting as a family may need. The Center's new Supervised Visitation Program gives children and parents the opportunity to visit and spend some time together in a nurturing, home-like environment; the Center offers rooms much like a living room in a house in which visits can be conducted. While participating in the program, a specially trained staff person facilitates each visit and helps parents strengthen their parenting skills while spending time with their kids.

This program has already proven to be important to local families. A Center staff member walked into one living room and saw a mom, a dad, and a couple of little ones snuggles up on the couch in the dark – dad and one of the little ones looked half asleep with their heads touching and arms wrapped around one another. All four of them were nestled together and looked dreamy and content. As she walked by, the staff member commented on how snuggly they all looked and the mom lit up with a smile. As she walked out, the staff member heard the mom say how wonderful it was for them to be able to do their visits here as they wouldn't have the opportunity to have family moments such as these otherwise.

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