The Common Ground Supervised Access Program is a project of the Greene County Family Court. The purpose of Common Ground is to provide a safe setting for children and their non-residential parents to establish, maintain and promote healthy connections with each other. The underlying philosophy of Common Ground is that children have a need and a right to healthy relationships with both parents.



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DOMESTIC RELATIONS UNIT

STATE OF MISSOURI
31ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
GREENE COUNTY
FAMILY COURT
JUVENILE DIVISION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT COMMON GROUND:

Q: How do families get referred to the Common Ground Program?

A: Referrals are ordered by the Greene County Family Court Commissioners.

Q: What is a reason why families are referred to Common Ground?

A: Parents referred to Common Ground are those experiencing a highly conflicted divorce, modification, or paternity case. There may be concerns about child abuse or neglect, domestic violence, mental health issues or substance abuse.

Q: What is Common Ground?

A: Common Ground provides a safe, neutral environment for the child to spend time with their non-residential parent while the court case is pending. Additionally, some parents have not had an opportunity to develop a relationship with their child, or haven't seen their child for a lengthy period of time. Common Ground provides a comfortable place for children to be introduced to their non-residential parent, or simply to become familiar with them again.

Q: What are Supervised Visits?

A: Supervised visits are scheduled for a non-residential parent and child(ren) so they may visit each other in a setting that is closely monitored by a trained observer in a safe and nurturing environment for both the parent and child(ren).

Q: What's the first step after being ordered to Common Ground?

A: The Common Ground Coordinator will call each parent to schedule an intake (informational session) and will explain the rules and policies of the program.

Q: When will visits take place?

A: Common Ground visits occur on either Tuesday OR Thursday evenings. Visits will be one hour in length, at either 5:15p or 6:30p, depending on available openings.

Q: How long will Common Ground occur until visits can be unsupervised?

A: Common Ground is ordered for 120 days with a one hour per week visit. Your attorney, Guardian ad Litem, and the Commissioner will make the decision regarding how long your visits will occur and if unsupervised visitation is appropriate for your case.

Q: What happens at visits?

A: Games, coloring books, toys, and activities are provided to encourage positive play between the parent and the child(ren).

Q: Is Common Ground safe?

A: Yes. Parents have separate entrances and visits are arranged so neither parent sees the other. Law Enforcement is on site at all visits to provide safety and security.

Q: How much does it cost?

A: $30 per week. This amount is typically divided between the parties ($15/person); however, the Commissioner will determine how fees are paid.

