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Virtual Visitation Resources

The following resources provide information on the use of virtual visitations in child welfare and other fields.

Child Welfare Direct Services Continuity FAQ

The Newnan Times Herald (March 17, 2020)

Describes a temporary standard operating procedure developed by the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services to provide guidance for monthly contacts with children in foster care, their parents, and their caretakers.

Virtual Visitation and Child Welfare

Jones (2011)

CW360, Spring

Outlines ways in which technology can be used to support child welfare work in several areas, including virtual visitation.

Family Time Practice Guide: A Guide to Providing Appropriate Family Time for Children in Foster Care

Judicial Council/Administrative Office of the Courts; Division of Children, Families and the Courts; Supreme Court of Georgia Committee on Justice for Children (2019)

Outlines Georgia's policies regarding contact between children removed from parental care by the State and their parents. One section of the guide discusses the role of virtual visitation as being an option to supplement in-person visitation or being a temporary strategy to overcome barriers related to geography, transportation, or special circumstances (e.g., parental incarceration).

An Exploration of Virtual Visitation as an Option in Divorce Proceedings

Saini, Mishna, & Barnes (2011)

University of Toronto & Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton

Summarizes the results of a project that coordinated virtual visitation between children and their parents during parental divorce proceedings. It discusses factors to consider, including the child's age and developmental stage.

Connecting the Disconnected: Communication Technologies for the Incarcerated

Sobol (2018)

Wake Forest Law Review, 53(3)

Explores the benefits and challenges associated with a variety of remote visitation and communication strategies between incarcerated persons and their family members, including virtual visitation.

Televisitation: Virtual Transportation of Family to the Bedside in an Acute Care Setting

Nicholas (2013)

The Permanente Journal, 17(1)

Describes a televisitation program at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre in Ontario, Canada. Televisitation promotes contact between patients, their families, and their healthcare partners while patients are in the hospital.



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