

Supervised Visitation Programs

Proposed FY27 Budget Request/Language – Supervised Visitation Programs

Sec. E.317 SUPERVISED VISITATION PROGRAMS

(a)(1) \$137,500 of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.317 of this act, the \$130,000 General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.1100(c)(5) of this act, and \$100,000 of the federal funds appropriation in Sec. B.319 of this act shall be distributed by the Department for Children and Families to supervised visitation programs as follows:

(A) \$367,500 to the six existing community-based supervised visitation sites and the remainder shall be used for start-up funding for additional sites in counties where programs do not currently exist to ensure the programs are operational on or before January 1, 2027; and

~~(A) \$199,300 to the six existing community-based supervised visitation sites;~~

~~(B) \$118,200 for start-up funding for additional sites in counties where programs do not currently exist to ensure the programs are operational on or before January 1, 2027; and~~

~~(C) \$50,000 to the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence for a statewide supervised visitation coordinator who shall initiate a needs assessment to assist in the development of a sustainable coordinated system with equitable access to supervised visitation statewide.~~

(2) The Department shall work with the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence to develop a funding formula for supervised visitation sites, to identify the community partners to develop two new supervised visitation sites during fiscal year 2027, and to begin planning for the creation of four additional supervised visitation sites, two each to become operational beginning in fiscal years 2028 and 2029.