

Safe Exchange & Supervised Visitation (SESV)

The New Mexico Judiciary's Safe Exchange & Supervised Visitation (SESV) program provides children and their parents with a safe, neutral environment for visitation and exchange. It allows a child to maintain a relationship with a parent without being placed in the middle of parental conflict. The parties pay for these services on a [sliding fee scale](#) based upon their income.

In the 8th District, Youth Heartline is the service provider for SESV with locations in Taos and Raton.

Supervision = Protection

Supervision acts first as intervention, then as prevention — protecting children from potentially harmful or stressful interactions.

The program reduces a child's exposure to harmful and scary situations, with an emphasis on their safety and well-being.

Why Supervised Visits or Exchanges?

Children

"I get to see both my parents—without being scared or confused."

- Keeps children out of the middle of conflict.
- Removes fear and anxiety about what might happen during a visit.
- Supports healthy emotional development.

Custodial Parent

"I feel safe knowing my child is protected—and I don't have to talk to my ex."

- No communication or contact needed with the other parent.
- Increases confidence in your child's safety.
- Provides peace of mind during transitions.

Noncustodial Parent

"I can spend time with my child—without stress or worry about accusations."

- Ensures regular, uninterrupted contact with your child.
- Neutral supervision prevents false allegations.
- Helps rebuild trust and connection in a monitored setting.

Other Relatives

"I get a chance to stay connected with my grandchild."

- Grandparents, aunts, uncles may participate (if permitted by court or parent agreement).
- Supports extended family relationships and bonding.

Courts

"SESV helps us protect children while litigation is ongoing."

- Reduces the number of repeat cases.
- Enables parent-child relationships to continue during court processes.
- Ensures safety without compromising access.

Communities

"Trained professionals keep visits safe—and neutral."

- Removes pressure from friends/family to supervise.
- Ensures fairness, objectivity, and emotional safety.
- Prevents conflict during exchanges in volatile situations.

SESV Keeps Children Safe While Supporting Family Bonds

Safe Exchange & Supervised Visitation (SESV) is more than just a service — it's a lifeline for families in transition.

For more information:

Visit the New Mexico Judiciary's website or contact your local SESV provider.