



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

**ARLINGTON
SAFE HAVENS
SUPERVISED VISITATION
& EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

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At a glance



Established in 2019



Arlington, VA

Serving Arlington County, Virginia



Community served

Arlington Safe Havens Supervised Visitation and Exchange Program serves children and families affected by domestic violence whose cases are either a part of child welfare, the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, or the Circuit Court in Arlington County.

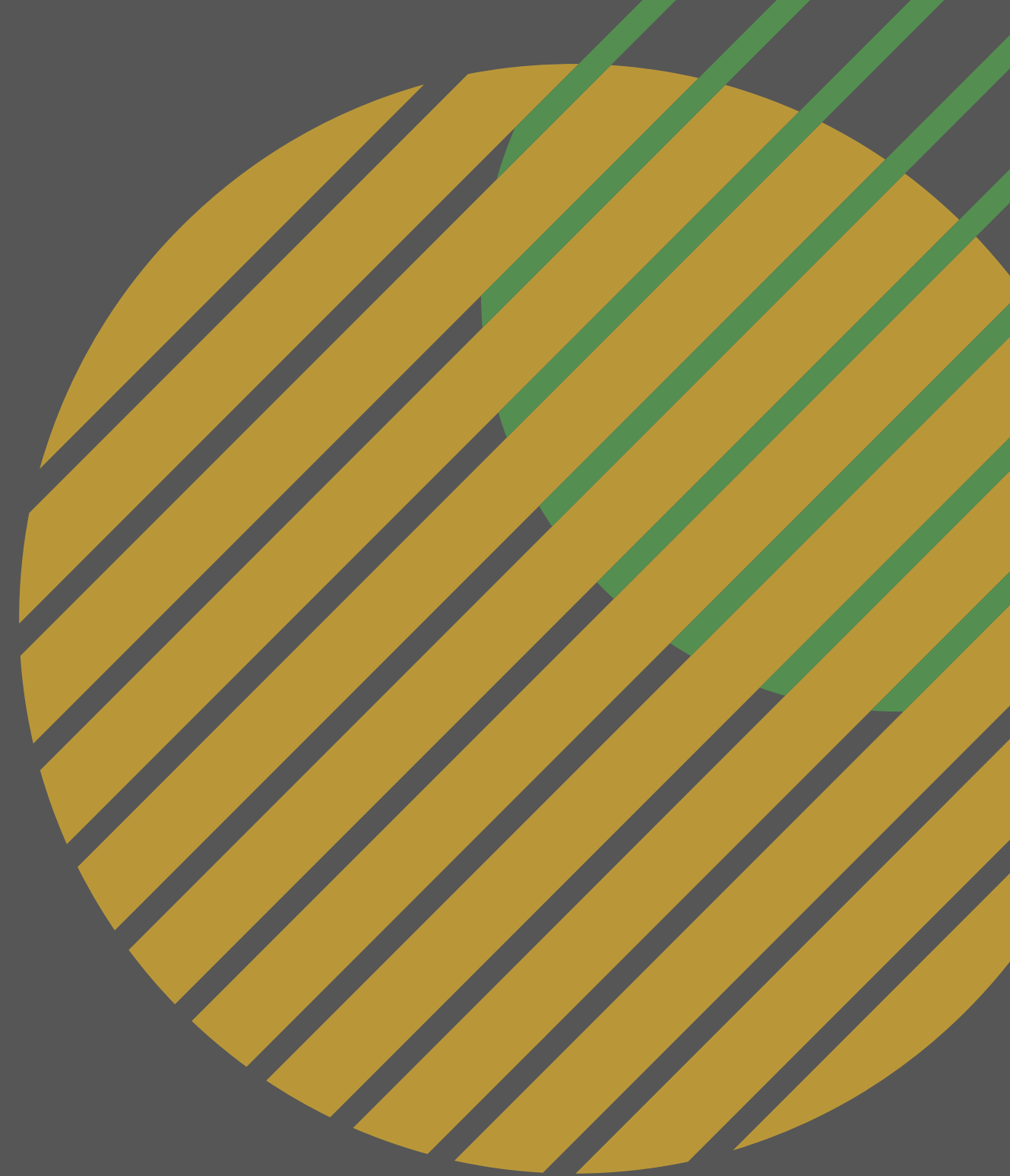


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Safe Havens Funding

- Arlington Safe Havens was funded by a OVW JFF award in 2018-2021 and again in 2022, which is our current grant.
- Under our current award, we are funded to provide supervised visitation and safe exchange services.
- Arlington Safe Havens is 100% funded by our OVW JFF grant.



Safe Havens services



Visitation services provided

Supervised visitation and
safe exchanges



Hours

- We provide 12 hours
a week of services



About our services

Services provided this past July 2024:

- 23 supervised visits (8 each week)
- 16 safe exchanges (4–5 each week)

Families served in July 2024:

- 16 families total
 - 11 visiting parents
 - 5 safe exchange parents



Our team

- Arlington Safe Havens provides safe services using what is called “relief staff,” or part-time/non-permanent employees. These employees are scheduled for evenings and weekends, with one scheduled to work Thursday to Sunday.
 - Each staff person works approximately 14 hours/week.
 - Thursday to Sunday staff work approximately 20 hours/week.
- On typical days, staff are scheduled at a ratio of 3 staff members per family, with sometimes 4 staff members per family, depending on the number of visits and exchanges throughout the day.
- Two staff typically manage the exchange, and two staff remain in the visitation to monitor the visit.



Meeting the Diverse and Unique Needs of Our Families

Arlington Safe Havens meets the needs of the families we serve by having a staff that is multi-cultural, multi-generational, and bilingual.




Community Partnerships

- SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now)
- Project Peace
- Legal Services
- Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court
- Private attorneys / Guardians ad Litem

Safe Havens physical space

- We are located on the first level of the Department of Human Services building, accessible from the main road leading to the facility.
- Safe Havens has approximately 800 square feet of space, with about 600 square feet dedicated to visits between families.
- We have one room for visits to take place.
 - Visiting parents enter the room and await the arrival of their child(ren) for supervised visits.
 - Exchange non-residential parents also wait on this side for the arrival of their child(ren).
- Residential parents are met on the opposite side of our building, as parents are kept separate and arrive at staggered times.



A woman with glasses, wearing a grey blazer over a light blue top and a dark skirt, stands on a sidewalk in front of a glass door. The door has a sign that reads "Arlington Safe Havens". The background shows a modern building and some greenery.

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Arlington Safe Havens Program Tour



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