Kids First provides a safe and nurturing environment for parents and children in need of supervised visitations or child exchanges.

Kids First promotes positive parent-child relationships by helping families through difficult or transitional periods and offering parenting feedback and information.

Our Mission
CVIC exists to assist victims of violence and to promote safety, peace and respect for all individuals.

Other CVIC Programs
- COMMUNITY INNOVATIONS
  Education and training on violence and strategic collaboration to improve our response to violence.
- LIGHT OF HOPE
  Crisis intervention, counseling, shelter, transitional housing, legal services, and safety planning for adults and children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- NEW CHOICES
  Psycho-educational groups for adults who have been violent with their intimate partner.
- PATHWAYS TOWARD JUSTICE
  Court advocacy for victims and witnesses of personal injury and property crimes.

SAFETY for kids & parents

Kids First
A Community Violence Intervention Center program that offers supervised visitations and child exchanges in a safe location
Who should use Kids First
Families may benefit from using Kids First services if they are going through transitions or experiencing difficult times. These include:

- **Abuse and neglect**: Families that have experienced child abuse or neglect.
- **Domestic violence**: Families that have been impacted by violence, harassment or threats.
- **Protection orders and disorderly conduct restraining orders**: Families in which one party has a court order prohibiting contact with the other parent.
- **Parental conflict**: Parents who have had conflicts when exchanging children.
- **Court orders**: Individuals who are required or have been court-ordered to have supervised visitations or exchanges.
- **Other situations**: Parents who fear the other party may leave the area with the children if left unsupervised, or who do not want contact with the other parent.

Individuals involved in situations in which another party has been inconsistent, unreasonable, or irresponsible in allowing or exercising visitations.

How to access services
Contact us at (701) 787-5806 to access services. Each involved parent will first participate in an intake appointment prior to beginning services.

- **Self referral**: Parents may voluntarily access services, provided both parents agree to utilize Kids First.
- **Court order**: The court may order families to use Kids First services through protective orders or child custody and divorce orders.
- **Agency or attorney referral**: An agency or attorney may refer clients by asking them to contact our program.

Hours and fees
- **Hours**: An appointment is needed before using our services, which are available:
  - Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
  - Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Sunday: Noon to 7 p.m.
- **Fees**: Services are free to clients. There may be a charge for referring agencies.