

Rule 703.3**** Declaration of Supervised Visitation Providers

All persons providing supervised visitation are required to meet the standards outlined in the “Uniform Standards of Practice for Providers of Supervised Visitation” listed in the California Rules of Court, Standards of Judicial Administration, sStandard 5.20 and comply with Family Code section 3200.5. To ensure that these standards are met, the court adopts procedures for processing and maintaining Declarations of Supervised Visitation Providers as set forth in sections A through C below.

A. Supervised visitation providers are required to file with the court a declaration regarding their qualification as follows:

1. Non-professional providers are required to file with the court a *Declaration of Supervised Visitation Provider (Nonprofessional)* (Judicial Council form FL-324(NP)) prior to serving as a visitation supervisor.
2. Professional visitation providers are required to file a *Declaration of Supervised Visitation Provider (Professional)* (Judicial Council form FL-324(P)) in each case prior to the first supervised visit pursuant to California Rules of Court, rRule 5.20(e)(13). A separate, updated form must be filed each time the provider submits a report to the court pursuant to California Rules of Court, rRule 5.20(e)(14).
3. Declarations of supervised visitation providers must be completed and signed within 10 days prior to submission to the court. In the event any information contained in the declaration has changed, an updated version must be served by the provider on all parties, their attorneys, and the child’s attorney, and then filed with the court within 5 days of the change in information.
4. The completed declaration forms may be submitted electronically in accordance with Local Rule 700.7, by mail, or submitted at the Lamoreaux Justice Center, Family Law Division.

B. The following obligations are required of the parties and providers:

1. It is the obligation of the parties to investigate and know that a professional or non-professional provider meets the statutory qualifications, training, and continuing education requirements.
2. In the event a provider becomes ineligible to provide services for any reason, the provider must immediately contact all parties, their attorneys, and the child’s attorney, and must state, in writing, the reasons the provider is no longer eligible. Within 5 days of receipt of the provider’s written notice of ineligibility, the parties must file with the court a declaration containing all pertinent information related to the provider’s ineligibility.
3. All non-professional supervised visitation providers are required to review *Supervised Visitation: a Guide for Non-Professional Providers* published by the Judicial Council of California.

C. A list of professional providers will be maintained as follows:

1. As a courtesy to the public, the court will maintain a list of persons or organizations that have identified themselves to the court as professional supervised visitation providers. Any individual or officer or manager of an organization requesting to be included on the list must sign an annual declaration which certifies that:

a) they have read and understand Family Code section 3200.5 and California Rules of Court, Standards of Judicial Administration standard 5.20;

b) the individual, or persons providing services on behalf of or by referral through the organization, will meet all qualifications and training requirements for professional supervised visitation monitors as stated in Family Code section 3200.5 and standard 5.20; and

c) the individual, or persons providing services on behalf of or by referral through the organization, will comply with all standards, procedures, responsibilities, requirements, and other provisions of Family Code section 3200.5 and standard 5.20.

2. The signed declaration, for providers on the list, is to be lodged with the court by delivery to Family Court Services. The list will notify recipients that the court does not confirm the statements in the declarations and does not screen, endorse, evaluate, or monitor the service provided. Removal from the list may be made without cause, notice, or explanation.

3. The court will provide a copy of Family Code section 3200.5 and standard 5.20 to parties who may be using the services of a supervised visitation monitor.