

KENT COUNTY FOC NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2022



CONTACT FOC

- Our lobby is **OPEN**
Monday—Friday
8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
- **Call 616-632-6888**
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- Email
FOC.Mail@kentcountymi.gov
- 2-way communication
www.michigan.gov/michildsupport
- Schedule an appointment
<https://kentcountyfoc.setmore.com/>
- 24/7 Case Access
www.michigan.gov/michildsupport
- Visit the website [Friend of the Court - Kent County, Michigan](http://FriendoftheCourt-KentCounty.Michigan)
(accesskent.com)
- Mail: 82 Ionia NW, PO Box 351,
Grand Rapids MI 49501-0351.
- Drop box and payment box on
1st floor at 82 Ionia NW, Grand
Rapids 49503.



FOC IN THE COMMUNITY

FOC is out in the community helping parents and answering questions. Our Resources for Parents Program conducts regular outreaches at [Safe Haven Ministries](#), [West Michigan Works](#), [Healthy Kent Dads Count! Coalition](#), [The Hispanic Center of Western Michigan](#), and [70 x 7 Life Recovery](#). You can find our calendar of community outreaches [here](#).

FOC PARENTING TIME ENFORCEMENT

The Kent County Friend of the Court receives and reviews about 1,500 parenting time complaints every year from parents alleging that the other parent is not following the parenting time court order. Need assistance enforcing parenting time? FOC will enforce your parenting time order if you can answer **yes** to all the following:



- Do you have an FOC case?
- Do you have a parenting time court order?
- Does your order include specific days and times for parenting time? The FOC cannot help when parents are exercising parenting time “as agreed” or “reasonable” parenting time.
- Did the other parent deny you parenting time on a day and time specified in your order?
- Did you submit a [written complaint](#) to the FOC within 56 days of the missed parenting time?

If you have questions about parenting time enforcement, you can schedule an online appointment to talk to a parenting time enforcement specialist [here](#).

FOC DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SCREENING

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Did you know that FOC completes mandatory domestic violence screening before every service in our [ADR Plan](#), including mediation, facilitated parenting time, and parenting time enforcement meetings? See the screening form FOC uses [here](#). Parents are asked to complete this form before their FOC appointment, and FOC will go over the answers with each parent privately before the service. Domestic violence screening is a confidential process and neither parent has access to the other parent's answers, or any information provided during the screening process.

