

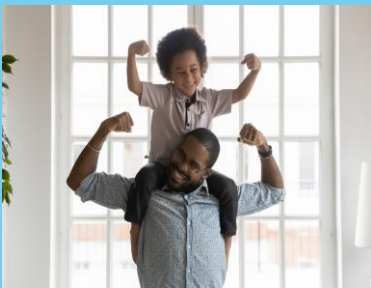
KENT CO. FOC NEWSLETTER

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- **24/7 Case Access**
www.michigan.gov/michildsupport
- Visit the **website** [Friend of the Court - Kent County, Michigan \(accesskent.com\)](http://www.accesskent.com)
- **Mail:** Kent County FOC, 82 Ionia NW, Ste 200 Grand Rapids MI 49503.
- Drop box on 1st floor at 82 Ionia NW, Grand Rapids 49503.



SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICES: FACILITATED PARENTING TIME

Kent County Friend of the Court offers several parenting time services, including **facilitated parenting time**. We offer this free, **non-confidential** service to help parents get a parenting time order in a support or paternity case. You and the other parent would meet with a Parenting Time Facilitator to discuss options and concerns related to parenting time. You may have one meeting or a series of meetings, depending on your family's circumstances.

You are eligible for this service if **all** the following are true:

- Your case ends with a -DS or -DP case code (example: 2022-000000-**DP**);
- The Prosecuting Attorney's Office entered a judgment in your case **within the past year**;
- Your judgment orders **facilitated parenting time**; and
- You **request** the service or are referred by the court.

Sign up for facilitated parenting time [here](#). Note: all cases are screened for domestic violence and FOC will decide whether to proceed with the service, or whether protections should be put in place first.

DID YOU KNOW FOC DOES NOT START CHILD SUPPORT?

The Kent County Friend of the Court **does not** start child support cases. Child support cases are started by the [Michigan Office of Child Support](#), who collects information and then refers the case to the **Kent County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Family Unit**.

The prosecuting attorney's office then files a case with the Circuit Court, serves the parents' paperwork, and ultimately enters a child support order. Often we hear parents say, "I was served with FOC papers," when the paperwork actually came from the prosecuting attorney's office.

SAVE THE DATE! 2024 FATHERHOOD SUMMIT

The Foundations of Fatherhood Summit: The Wide World of Fathering, is happening on **May 14, 2024** in Flint, Michigan. Go to this website to learn more:

[Wide World of Fathering 2024 Tickets, Tue, May 14, 2024 at 8:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

FOC Mission: "To serve the Court and the families of Kent County to ensure children are supported, both financially and emotionally."
