

Reasons to Engage the Parent and Advocate for Contact Visitation

- Maintaining parental engagement and contact/visitation can help the child cope with the situation
- Contact and visitation helps sustain the parent/child bond
- Maintaining connections can help decrease the rate of recidivism
- Maintaining contact helps parents maintain parental rights
- Helps with family reunification upon reentry
- It's Pennsylvania casework best-practice
- Unless the court orders otherwise, it must occur per regulation – 55 Pa. Code §3130.68. (relating to Visiting and Communication Policies)

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