



New Year, New Updates

RCFC January 2022 Newsletter

Overview of Services

We often get calls asking about our services and how they work, so we wanted to send out a reminder of how people can utilize our agency. Keep in mind, our services have NOT changed for 2022.

Supervised Visitation: Family Connections provides a safe, home-like center for children in high conflict families to establish and rebuild healthy relationships. Supervised visitation can be provided in cases where there is documented or suspected sexual, physical, or emotional abuse.

Safe Exchanges: Family Connections provides a safe place for parents to drop off and pick up their children without parent conflict. Exchanges can be used specifically in cases where there may be a history of domestic abuse, harassment, or any other kind of stressful environment.

Virtual Visitation: Virtual Visitation is available to most families and allows for a safe space for parents to virtually see their children. Monitors supervise parental access through video calling on HIPAA compliant platforms such as Zoom. Zoom is a virtual, cloud-based video conferencing service that allows people to connect with one another. There is no need to create an account and the Zoom service is free of charge.

Other information:

Hours:

- Monday: 8:30-5
- Tuesday-Thursday: 8:30-8
- Friday: 8:30-5
- Sunday: 12:30-6

Fees:

- Intake fee: \$35 Cash or Check
 - Visitation/Exchange Fees: Fees are income based and discussed at the time of the intake.
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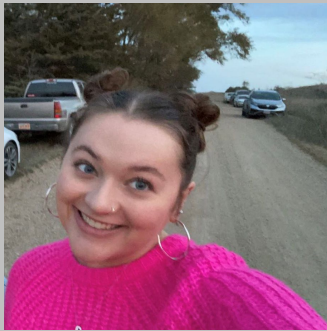
Meet The Family Connections Staff!



Shayla Sorensen - Family Connections Coordinator

Shayla is the Family Connections Coordinator. She started with us in October and is the only full time staff for River City Family Connections. Shayla graduated in December of 2020 from The University of South Dakota with a Bachelors of Social Work. Shayla joined our agency to be a part of a place that provides families a safe experience during their time together!

While she has always had a passion to be an advocate for victims and survivors, she has grown to see the importance in advocating for children in a multitude of ways. Shayla previously worked as an advocate for victims of crimes and as a housing specialist. In her free time, Shayla enjoys being outside or watching Netflix!



Anna Harman - Part-time Monitor

Anna Harman is one of our part-time monitors. She started with us in January 2022. She is currently finishing up her last semester at USD as a psychology major with a minor in child and adolescent development.

Prior to River City Family Connections, she worked with at-risk youth in a residential care facility in Johnston, Iowa. Anna has always been passionate about advocating for children and I am so fortunate to continue doing that at RCFC. In Anna's free time, you can find her watching scary movies or dancing in her room to her favorite songs!



Jessica Anderson - Part-time Monitor

Jessica started as part-time visitation monitor at River City Family Connections this past October. She feels fortunate to have the opportunity to provide safe and positive interactions for children and their families.

In addition to her duties at RCFC, she is the marketing manager at Vision Real Estate Services and the mother of three busy children. Jessica also serves as vice-president of the Keep Yankton Beautiful board, volunteers for our local Special Olympics chapter, and coaches the Girls On The Run program at Lincoln Elementary.

Common Sense Parenting Class

Remember to register for any of our 2022 Common Sense Parenting class Sessions! These classes are for all parents and are completely free! Session 1 is currently taking place. Call us to get registered for one of the upcoming sessions.

These classes help parents:

- Build strong, healthy relationships

- Correct and change problem behavior
- Minimize problems that disrupt family life
- Raise responsible, caring children
- Communicate effectively
- Avoid power struggles
- Control your emotions
- Balance discipline with affection
- Praise a child's good behavior

More Information Here!



COMMON SENSE PARENTING
2022 SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Session 1: January 4- February 8	Session 4: June 21- July 26
Session 2: March 1-April 5	Session 5: August 16- September 20
Session 3: April 26- May 31	Session 6: October 11- November 15

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL:

#605.665.1204

- Classes will take place each Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 PM
- Child care is not provided, so please make arrangements.
- Pre-registration is required.
- Classes will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church, 403 Broadway Ave.



River City Family Connections | [Website](#)

