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### GRANT MONEY AWARDED TO THE FAMILY VISITATION CENTER OF LAKE COUNTY

"We have just learned that a Federal grant has been awarded to continue the operation and services of the Family Visitation Center of Lake County," announced Chief Judge Fred Foreman. "The grant, disbursed by the Department of Justice, will not only help maintain the existing Center but will also allow it to expand services for victims of domestic violence, child abuse and/or sexual abuse."

The Center which opened in October 2010, is the only court-affiliated supervised visitation and exchange center to support families in Lake County, whose current population has risen to over 700,000. The grant, which amounts to \$226,173.00, will be disbursed over a 36-month period in accordance with the terms under the agreement. The funding will provide increased hours to allow the program to serve more families, reduce the number of persons on a waiting list as referrals continue to grow, and eventually allow the hiring of additional part-time visitation/exchange facilitators. "It will help the Center to continue to assist families with a history of trauma to have a safer and more affordable environment for court-ordered supervised visitation and visitation exchanges. This will reduce potential incidents of future abuse or trauma," said Jay W. Ukena, Presiding Judge of the Family Law Division.

Through the proposed project, over 1,100 supervised visitations will be provided to families in Lake County in a single year. The Family Visitation Center is located at 541 N. Lake Street, just south of Route 176, in Mundelein.

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