

### **1.3 - BRIEF HISTORY OF SUPERVISED PARENTING TIME PROGRAM**

The Supervised Parenting Time Program was a pilot project launched by the Ministry of the Attorney General in 1992, under the name supervised access the service began with centres in 14 districts. SEC was selected to operate the service in the region of York. Full program status was given to the project in 1994 following a positive program evaluation of the service. Expansion began in 2000 with province-wide service being implemented by 2003. There are currently government-funded Supervised Parenting Time Services in 52 Court Districts. SEC assumed operation of the program for the Region of Peel in 2005.

Supervised Parenting Time Centres provide visitation and exchange services to separating and divorcing families. The program facilitates court orders where there is conflict between the parties or safety concerns.

The Program was transferred from the Ministry of the Attorney General to the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services on April 1, 2022. At this time the name transitioned from Supervised Access to Supervised Parenting Time.

Supervised Parenting Time Services are provided by community-based non-profit charitable organizations through transfer payments from the Ministry. The Ministry works with its transfer payment partners to develop Standards and Best Practices for the implementation of policies and protocols for the program. The Ministry provides direction, training, support, and advice to the Centres and oversees the agreements in accordance with the Transfer Payment Accountability Directive (TPAD).

Service observation notes, reports and participation records are maintained and used by the courts as the parties seek to finalize and final parenting time agreements.