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Media Release: October 10, 2024 In-person visits restored at Blaine Street Women's Facility

The Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the resumption of in-person visits at the Blaine Street Women's Facility. The visits, which were previously paused due to COVID-19 followed by staffing challenges, have now restarted. This will allow women to connect with their loved ones face-to-face and maintain vital connections that benefit women and families and aid in their reintegration into the community after release.

The Sheriff's Office is also collaborating with community groups to provide ongoing support and services for individuals at Blaine Street, both during their time at the facility and as they transition back into society. "We recognize the critical importance of these visits, especially for those with children. When parents and children are able to see each other, it nurtures hope, promotes healing, and opens the door to a stronger future together," said Sheriff Jim Hart. "Our office is pleased to partner with the Sheriff on this vital work and applaud him for bringing back a critical program. We also look forward to working with community organizations and partner agencies to bolster these efforts and offer their services to those in custody wishing to participate," added third District County Supervisor, Justin Cummings.

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