

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 07-98-41-01

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER GOVERNING THE CHILDREN'S
VISITATION CENTER FOR FAMILIES WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE -
A SUPERVISED VISITATION AND MONITORED EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of circuit civil domestic relations, dependency, and criminal court cases filed in Osceola County involve children and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes the significant and adverse impact of domestic violence on the children involved in these cases; and

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes the need to maintain an ongoing relationship between children and non-custodial parents in a safe and child friendly environment during ongoing litigation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this need the Court established a supervised visitation and monitored exchange program entitled, Children's Visitation Center for Families with Domestic Violence which has proven successful; and

WHEREAS, a further need has been demonstrated to justify expansion of the program to dependency and criminal court cases involving domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, funding is needed for the operation of the Children's Center for Families with Domestic Violence in addition to the resources already provided by the Osceola County School Board and the Osceola County Sheriff's Office; therefore it is necessary that parties who are ordered to utilize the Children's Visitation Center for Families with Domestic Violence pay a fee for the services provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Belvin Perry, Jr., pursuant to the authority vested in me as

Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, do hereby order that effective immediately:

1. The Children's Visitation Center for Families with Domestic Violence shall provide Court ordered supervised visitations and monitored exchanges to families involved in domestic relations, dependency, and criminal court cases.
2. The Children's Visitation Center for Families with Domestic Violence shall operate under the auspices of Court Administration and in concert with the Osceola County School Board and the Osceola County Sheriff's Office.
3. Parties ordered to supervised visitations and monitored exchanges through the Children's Visitation Center for Families with Domestic Violence shall pay an established fee to the Domestic Relations Division Clerk's Office. Upon receipt of these fees, the Domestic Relations Division Clerk shall disburse the fees into the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida this 17th day of September, 2009.

_____/s/_____
Belvin Perry, Jr.
Chief Judge

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