

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2002-02-1

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

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING
COURT CARE CENTER FOR DIVORCING FAMILIES**

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of circuit civil domestic relations court cases filed in Orange County involve parents in high conflict, mild to moderate conflict and crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes the significant and adverse impact of high conflict litigation and parents in crisis on the children involved in these cases; and

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes the need to maintain an ongoing relationship between children and both parents both during and subsequent to the action; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this need, the Court hereby establishes a Court Care Center for Divorcing Families;

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 Rules of Judicial Administration 2.050, do hereby order that effective **December 1, 2001**:

1. The following two parenting programs for high conflict and mild to moderate conflict domestic relations court cases are hereby approved: **Focus on the Children** and **Cooperating for Your Kids**.

2. A Court Care Center for Divorcing Families shall be established to oversee the **Focus on the Children** and **Cooperating for Your Kids** parenting programs. Said oversight shall

include the requirement that the Court Care Center for Divorcing Parents shall screen parties to determine if their participation in the above described programs is appropriate. If found to be appropriate, the Court Care Center for Divorcing Families shall make a recommendation to the Court and copy the parties and their attorneys.

3. The Court Care Center for Divorcing Families shall provide crisis counseling to litigants when appropriate.

4. The Court Care Center for Divorcing Families shall operate under the auspices of Court Administration.

5. In cases where the presiding Judge deems appropriate, the Judge may order both parties to the Court Care Center for Divorcing Families for a screening to determine if their participation in one of the above described programs is appropriate. Parties referred by Court Order to the Court Care Center shall comply with the rules and procedures established by the staff of the Court Care Center.

6. Administrative Order No. 2002-02 dated March 4, 2002 is vacated and set aside.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 11th day of February, 2003. Nunc pro tunc to December 1, 2001.

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

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