

YOUR SUPPORT TEAM

YOUR CAREGIVER

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

YOUR CASE MANAGER

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

YOUR CHILD-PARENT PSYCHOTHERAPIST

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

YOUR ATTORNEY

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

YOUR COMMUNITY COORDINATOR

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

YOUR GUARDIAN AD LITEM (GAL)

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

NINTH
Judicial Circuit Court
OF FLORIDA



REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact:

Court Administration
Orange County Courthouse
425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 180
Orlando, Florida 32801
ADA Phone: (407) 836-6070
If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711



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WHO ARE WE?

B.A.B.Y. Court, the Ninth Circuit's Early Childhood Court, is a family-focused program that uses child-parent psychotherapy to assist families during their involvement with the child welfare system. B.A.B.Y. Court's main priority is the safety and well-being of children. During separation, the B.A.B.Y. Court Team will assist families in achieving their goals through the following services:

- Individual counseling
- Parenting education and counseling
- Case management
- Therapeutic visitation
- Community resource navigation assistance
- Integrated decision team staffings
- Aftercare support post reunification

The B.A.B.Y. Court Team is composed of individuals who will be working closely with you and your child(ren) to enhance the parent-child relationship during this difficult time of separation, and to focus on the completion of your case plan services to ensure permanency is achieved as soon as safely possible.



YOU ARE A PART OF THE TEAM

Involvement in Early Childhood Court can be voluntary or Court-ordered. Once in the program, your commitment is crucial to your success. The Judge will receive updates on your progress. Your attorney is available to discuss your participation in the program.

WHO IS INVOLVED?



CHILDREN'S LEGAL SERVICES

Children's Legal Services attorneys are assigned to cases to represent the State of Florida.

CHILD-PARENT PSYCHOTHERAPIST

Child-Parent Psychotherapists specialize in trauma prevention and treatment while striving to keep children safe and families together.

COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL

If a parent cannot afford an attorney, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent them throughout the case unless the parent wishes to retain their own attorney.



JUDGE LATIMORE

Judge Alicia Latimore will preside over Early Childhood Court, setting aside a special docket for children 5 and under whose parent(s) participate in the program. She is a trauma informed judge who is committed to improving the lives of young children by utilizing a collaborative court team to make informed decisions and decrease the length of time to permanency.

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR/CASE MANAGEMENT

A Community Coordinator works with all parties and program stakeholders to ensure that appropriate services are offered to each child and family.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM (GAL)

Each child's GAL is a Court appointed, specially trained volunteer who represents the best interest of the child through home visits, case planning support, and attending all hearings.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Childhood neglect/trauma is a vicious cycle
- Parents of neglected children tend to have also been neglected by their parents
- Research has shown that the cycle of neglect and trauma can be broken if there is early intervention and families are supported

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Increased visitation with your child
- Specialized family therapy sessions
- Parenting education
- Integrated decision family team meetings
- Coaching to help you succeed
- Icebreaker/co-parenting meetings
- More frequent court hearings to review progress
- Stopping the cycle of your child entering the Dependency system



PROGRAM STAKEHOLDERS

Ninth Judicial Circuit Court
Kinder Consulting
Community Based Care of Central Florida
One Hope United
University of Central Florida
Nemours Children's Hospital
Department of Children & Families
Children's Legal Services
Legal Aid Guardian Ad Litem Program
Early Headstart
Court-Appointed Counsel
Orange County Youth & Family Services