

IN THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

TEMPORARY
ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER

IN RE: UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
ACCESS TO COLLIER DEPENDENCY
COURT RECORDS

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida through the Harrell Center for the Study of Family Violence has been retained by the Office of the State Courts Administrator to conduct an assessment of the use of mediation in the dependency process; and

WHEREAS, the Collier County courts have been selected as a control site because Collier County courts do not currently utilize dependency mediation; and

WHEREAS, the analysis of dependency mediation in Florida courts will focus primarily on costs and benefits, including outcome assessment, and data will be collected via surveys, in-person interviews and records review; and

WHEREAS, Section 39.0132(3), Florida Statutes, authorizes the court to conditionally permit authorized representatives of recognized organizations compiling statistics for proper purposes to inspect and make abstracts from confidential dependency court records;

It is hereby **ORDERED** pursuant to the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.215, as follows:

1. **Permission of the University of South Florida through Representatives of the Harrell Center for the Study of Family Violence to Inspect and Make Abstracts from Collier Juvenile Dependency Court Files.**

Authorized representatives of the University of South Florida's Harrell Center for the Study of Family Violence will be permitted access to Collier juvenile dependency court files, including termination of parental rights cases, under the conditions of this order. The authorized representatives of the University of South Florida's Harrell Center are: Martha Coulter, Carla VandeWeerd, Etienne Pracht, Lianne Estefan, Euna August, Sarah Smith, Nicole Bafford, Hollie

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Furhmann, Aimee Eden, Jennifer Carvalho-Salemi, Rebecca Taylor, and Katherine Best.

Substitution of any representative is permissible with prior written notice to the Chief Judge and the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

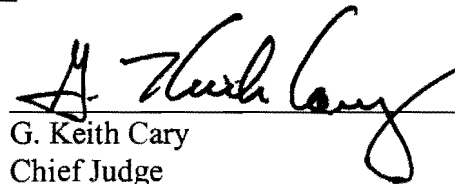
2. **Conditional Access**

The following conditions apply to the collection and use of the data. The data collected must be used exclusively for analysis of dependency mediation in Florida. The authorized representatives of the University of South Florida's Harrell Center must maintain the confidentiality standards imposed by Chapter 39 of the Florida Statutes during and after completion of their research. Except for case numbers and birth dates, the authorized representatives are prohibited from collecting any other personal information that could lead to the identification of a party or participant, such as names, initials, or ethnicity. Any violation of these conditions may be punished by contempt proceedings.

3. **Term of Access**

The authorized representatives shall have access to the Collier juvenile dependency court files from the date of entry of this Administrative Order through June 30, 2009. This Administrative Order shall automatically expire at 12:00 a.m., July 1, 2009.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida, this 19th day of Sept, 2008.


G. Keith Cary
Chief Judge

History. – New.

cc: Dwight Brock, Collier Clerk of Court
Richard Callanan, Court Administrator
Collier Juvenile Dependency Judges
Martha Coulter, Dr. P.H., Director, Harrell Center for the Study of Family Violence