

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2.805-9/08\*

IN RE: JUVENILE DEPENDENCY MEDIATION PROGRAM

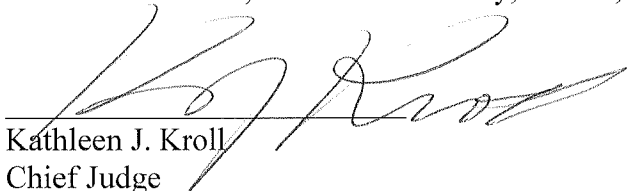
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The Fifteenth Judicial Circuit has established a number of Alternative Dispute Resolution Office programs, and has created an Alternative Dispute Resolution Office to provide coordination of existing and new programs to foster amicable settlement of disputes. The legislature has enacted Section 39.4075 of the Florida Statutes dealing with referral of dependency cases to mediation. It is in the best interest of the citizens of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit to continue the Juvenile Dependency Mediation Pilot Program created in January 2004.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. A Juvenile Dependency Mediation Program is herewith established under the auspices of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office of the court.
2. **A Dependency Mediation Committee is hereby created with members being appointed by the Chief Judge.**
3. Procedures for the **juvenile mediation program** shall be established by the **Dependency Mediation Committee and approved by the Chief Judge.**
4. **All shelter cases shall go to dependency mediation including direct filed cases. Cases may also be referred by juvenile division judges.**
5. No fees for the conducting of Juvenile Dependency Mediation shall be collected by the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office.
6. Any agreement executed by all the parties and approved by the court shall become part of the court record.

**DONE** and **SIGNED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this 21 day of September, 2008.

  
Kathleen J. Kroll  
Chief Judge

\*supersedes admin. order no. 7.007-6/04