

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 07-97-01

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING FAMILY TIES- A SUPERVISED
VISITATION AND MONITORED EXCHANGE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of circuit civil domestic relations court cases filed in Orange 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 hereby establishes a supervised visitation and monitored exchange program which shall be entitled Family Ties; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County School Board and the Orange County Sheriff's Office have committed resources and in kind services to assist in implementing and maintaining the Family Ties Program; and

WHEREAS, funding is needed for operating the Family Ties Program in addition to the resources provided by the Orange County School Board and Orange County Sheriff's Office, thus it is necessary that parties who are ordered to utilize the Family Ties Program 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 rule 2.050, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, do hereby order that effective July 1, 1997:

1. The Family Ties Program shall be established to provide Court ordered supervised visitations and monitored exchanges to families involved in domestic relations cases.

2. The Family Ties Program shall operate under the auspices of Court Administration and in concert with the Orange County School Board and the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

3. Parties ordered to supervised visitations and monitored exchanges through the Family Ties Program 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 Family Ties Fees account.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida this 2nd day of July, 1997. Nunc pro tunc to July 1, 1997.

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