

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 2000-4-2

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

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER GOVERNING THE DRUG COURT  
PROGRAM IN OSCEOLA COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, section 948.08(6)(a), Florida Statutes, and the inherent authority of the Ninth Judicial Circuit provide the authority to establish a Pre-Trial Substance Abuse Education and Intervention Program and a Post-Plea Substance Abuse Education and Intervention Program; and

**WHEREAS**, funding has been obtained to establish a program to provide drug treatment through a program to be known as “Drug Court”; and

**WHEREAS**, the proper implementation of a Pre-Trial Substance Abuse Education and Intervention Program authorized by section 948.08(6)(a), Florida Statutes, and the inherent authority of the Ninth Judicial Circuit would provide a valuable alternative to prosecution in appropriate drug cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the proper implementation of a Post-Plea Substance Abuse Education and Intervention Program authorized by the inherent authority of the Ninth Judicial Circuit would provide a substantial benefit to the criminal justice system and the community as a whole;

**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 Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215 hereby order the following effective immediately:

1. A Pre-Trial Substance Abuse Education and Intervention Program and a Post-Plea Substance Abuse Education and Intervention Program hereinafter referred to as “Drug Court”

was approved in Osceola County and began operating on March 10, 2000.

2. The Osceola County Jail and Pre-Trial Release shall conduct the initial screening of defendants upon arrest and shall refer those defendants who seem to qualify for Drug Court to Human Services Associates, Inc.

3. Human Services Associates, Inc. shall screen the referred defendants focusing on the eligibility requirement of section 948.08(6)(a), Florida Statutes, and additional criteria established by Drug Court. Human Services Associates, Inc. shall forward referrals of defendants to the State Attorney's Office for review and approval and shall forward copies of referrals to defense counsel.

4. Upon receipt and review of the referrals from Human Services Associates, Inc., the State Attorney shall forward all approved cases to the Drug Court Coordinator.

5. The Drug Court Coordinator shall refer the approved defendants to the Florida Department of Corrections and to Human Services Associates, Inc. which shall process the defendants. Both the Florida Department of Corrections and Human Services Associates, Inc. shall provide case management services.

6. Human Services Associates, Inc. shall coordinate with the Clerk of Court to place the cases on the Drug Court appearance docket. The Clerk of Court shall assign or reassign all cases referred to Drug Court to the correct division in the Court System.

7. Human Services Associates, Inc. shall notify the Drug Court Coordinator, State Attorney, and defense counsel of any violations of the conditions of the order placing the defendant in Drug Court. The notification shall also provide a recommendation as to whether the Court should remove the defendant from Drug Court.

8. Human Services Associates, Inc. shall advise the Court immediately should it become unable to provide the services as stated in this Administrative Order.

9. All defendants participating in Drug Court shall pay a fee of \$1,525.00 to the Drug Court Program. This amount includes \$1080.00 for drug testing, \$420.00 for treatment services and a \$25.00 initial service fee for the Clerk of Court. All defendants exceeding twelve months in the Drug Court Program shall pay \$125.00 per month (\$90.00 drug testing and \$35 treatment costs) until graduation or discharge from the Program.

10. Administrative Order No. 2000-4-1 is vacated and set aside.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at Orlando, Florida, this 30th day of May, 2007.

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Belvin Perry, Jr.  
Chief Judge

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