

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2016-22

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER GOVERNING CHILDREN IN NEED OF
SERVICES/FAMILIES IN NEED OF SERVICES PROCEEDINGS,
ORANGE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Chapter 984 of the Florida Statutes provides help to families and children who need services to improve the behaviors on the part of the child, help the family to move beyond crisis and prevent further problems. The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) funds and supports these programs to keep kids out of serious trouble; and

WHEREAS, Children In Need of Services (CINS)/Families In Need of Services (FINS) is an adjudication status for a child or a family for whom there is no pending investigation into an allegation or suspicion of abuse, neglect, or abandonment; no pending referral alleging the child is delinquent; or no current supervision by the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Children and Family Services for an adjudication of dependency or delinquency. A family in need of services is not an adjudicated status; and

WHEREAS, section 984.04(6), Florida Statutes, and Florida Rule of Juvenile Procedure 8.625(h) provides authority for the appointment of general or special magistrates to hear issues involved in CINS/FINS proceedings;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frederick J. Lauten, 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**, unless

otherwise provided herein, superseding any provisions in prior Administrative Orders which may be inconsistent, and to continue until further order of this Court:

1. General Provisions. Pursuant to section 984.04(6), Florida Statutes, and Florida Rule of Juvenile Procedure 8.625(h) the general magistrate assigned to the Juvenile Division shall preside over CINS/FINS hearings.

2. Case Assignment. All cases shall be assigned to **Subdivision 07-4**. The Judge in that subdivision shall be responsible for the CINS/FINS cases. Cases shall be filed with the Clerk of Court's Office in the Juvenile Division.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 13th day of July, 2016.

_____/s/_____
Frederick J. Lauten
Chief Judge

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