

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER GOVERNING THE CHILDREN'S
VISITATION CENTER A SUPERVISED VISITATION AND MONITORED
EXCHANGE PROGRAM, OSCEOLA COUNTY**

A substantial portion of circuit civil domestic relations, dependency and criminal court cases filed in Osceola County involve children and domestic violence. The Court recognizes the significant and adverse impact of domestic violence on the children involved in these cases and the need to maintain an ongoing relationship between children and non-custodial parents in a safe and child friendly environment during ongoing litigation.

In light of this need, the Court established a supervised visitation and monitored exchange program titled, Children's Visitation Center which has proven to be successful. A further need has been demonstrated to justify expansion of the program to dependency and criminal court cases involving domestic violence. In addition to the resources already provided by the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners, Osceola County School Board and the Osceola County Sheriff's Office, funding is needed for the operation of the Children's Visitation Center; therefore it is necessary that parties who are ordered to utilize the Children's Visitation Center pay a fee for the services provided.

By the power vested in the chief judge under Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, section 43.26, Florida Statutes, and rule 2.215 of the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, **effective immediately**, unless otherwise provided herein, to continue until further order and superseding any provisions in prior Administrative Orders which may be inconsistent, it is **ORDERED**:

1. The Children's Visitation Center shall provide court ordered in person and/or virtual supervised visitations and monitored exchanges to families involved in domestic relations, dependency, and criminal court cases. The duration of these services will be set by the court and/or until the court has no longer jurisdiction on the case.
2. The Children's Visitation Center shall operate under the auspices of Court Administration and in concert with the Osceola County School Board and the Osceola County Sheriff's Office.
3. Parties ordered to in-person or virtual supervised visitations and monitored exchanges through the Children's Visitation Center shall pay an established fee to the Domestic Relations Division, Office of the Clerk of the Court in Osceola County. Upon receipt of these fees, the Domestic Relations Division Clerk shall disburse the fees to the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners.

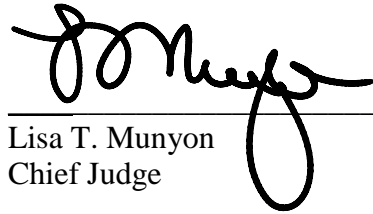
4. The Office of the Clerk shall provide to the Children's Visitation Center a daily report of domestic relations, dependency and criminal court cases in which the court has entered an order for supervised visitation, monitored exchange or virtual visits.

5. The Children's Visitation Center shall provide these services as defined in the Florida Statute Chapter 753 on Supervised Visitation and the Standards for Supervised Visitation Programs Agreement adopted by the Supreme Court on November 17, 1999.

6. The Children's Visitation Center personnel shall continue to seek and acquire training in supervised and monitored exchange visits as defined by the Clearinghouse on Supervised Visitation, a component of the Institute for Family Violence Studies at the Florida State University College of Social Work.

7. Administrative Order 07-98-41-01 is vacated and set aside except to the extent that it has been incorporated and/or amended herein. Vacating an Administrative Order that vacates a prior Order does not revive the prior Order.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 28th day of October, 2021.



Lisa T. Munyon
Chief Judge

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