

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2016-22-01

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

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

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.

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. 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.

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 that may be inconsistent, it is **ORDERED**:

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 CINS/FINS cases shall be assigned in the following manner: case numbers ending in 1-5 will be assigned to **Subdivision 03-4** and case numbers ending in 6-0 will be assigned to **Subdivision 07-4**. Cases shall be filed with the Clerk of Court's Office in the Juvenile Division.

3. Administrative Order 2016-22 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 19th day of December, 2022.


Lisa T. Munyon
Chief Judge

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