

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.:
04-46

JUVENILE - PROCEDURES FOR DEPENDENCY CASES IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

WHEREAS, or there are many children in this Judicial Circuit who are under the court's jurisdiction/have been adjudicated dependent pursuant to Chapter 39, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, these children may be in the temporary legal custody of, and residing with, relatives, non-relatives, or in the Department of Children and Families (hereafter "DCF") foster homes; and

WHEREAS, these children may be in the permanent legal custody of DCF as parental rights have been terminated; and

WHEREAS, this Court recognizes the ongoing threat of emergency weather conditions that periodically face the State of Florida , especially during hurricane season; and

WHEREAS it is necessary for the efficient administration of justice and for the safety of the children who are currently under this Court's jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 39; it is therefore

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

1. That children who are in the legal custody of DCF or other out of home care as a result of a juvenile dependency matter in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, may upon threat of a hurricane, evacuate the area to a safe place either within the State or out of the State of Florida.
2. That the foster parent or other legal custodian shall notify the Department or the appropriate community based care provider of the child/children's whereabouts at all

times, and shall return the child/children to this Court's jurisdiction as soon as it is safe to do so.

3. This administrative order shall be effective immediately.

Done and Ordered this 8th day of October, 2004

JAMES E.C. PERRY
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CHIEF JUDGE

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