

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR  
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.  
02-18-S**

**IN RE: DRUG COURT - JUVENILE DELINQUENCY SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
DIVERSIONARY INTERVENTION**

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WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida is authorized to approve a Juvenile Diversionary Substance Abuse Education and Intervention Program; and

WHEREAS, the proper implementation of a Diversionary Substance Abuse Education and Intervention Program would provide a valuable alternative to prosecution in appropriate drug cases; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that the increasing number of drug related cases has contributed to congesting and overburdening the court dockets in the Juvenile Delinquency division, and

WHEREAS, there is a recognized need to treat children qualified to participate in a manner that will stress the addictive rather than the criminal nature of the offense, it is therefore,

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit In and For Seminole County wishes to establish a Drug Court Docket within the Juvenile Delinquency division and designate a separate docket for cases assigned to "Juvenile Delinquency Drug Court":

NOW, THEREFORE, It is hereby ordered and adjudged:

1. That there is hereby established a Diversionary Substance Abuse Education and Intervention Program and Juvenile Delinquency Drug Court Team which will be known as "Juvenile Delinquency Drug Court";
  2. That there shall be created a separate Juvenile Delinquency docket which shall be known as "Drug Court".
  3. That the State Attorney shall notify the court in writing if it is requesting a preadmission hearing;
  4. That the Department of Juvenile Justice shall notify the court, the State Attorney, and defense counsel of any violation of the court order placing the child in the program. This notification shall contain a recommendation whether the court should remove the child from the program.
  5. That any child referred to Juvenile Delinquency Drug Court who elects not to participate or who is rejected by the Program or who is otherwise removed from the Program prior to entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere shall be transferred to the originally assigned Juvenile Delinquency division for further proceedings.
  6. That any Seminole County Juvenile Drug Court Team Member or the Department of Juvenile Justice shall immediately advise the court if, for any reason, either entity becomes unable to provide the services contemplated by this administrative order.
  7. That any person admitted into the Diversionary Substance Abuse Education and Intervention Program may be admitted, as an outpatient or an inpatient client to approved Drug Court Program treatment providers.
- DONE AND ORDERED this 19th day of April, 2002.

BRUCE W. JACOBUS  
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CHIEF JUDGE

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