

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

JUVENILE DIVISION 009

DEPENDENCY DIVISION 009

FCJ DIVISION 109

**STANDING ORDER ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR
AGENCY CASE PLAN TASK REFERRALS FOR SERVICES**

(Effective August 18th, 2023)

In the interest of ensuring the fair, efficient, and proper administration of matters before this Court, it is hereby **ADJUDGED** that it is necessary to implement the following procedures. Should any party need clarification, or a modification, exception, and/or waiver of the obligations below, a motion for clarification must be filed, served, and noticed for a timely hearing. This change is being adapted in an effort to have more efficient and accurate hearings at Judicial Reviews regarding compliance of the parents with their Case Plan tasks.

1. This Standing Order applies to all agencies providing services to parents on Dependency Case Plans.
2. Once Case Plan Orders delineating tasks/services have been ordered by this Court, all referrals must be filed by the Department within 72 hours of the order being reviewed and signed by the Court.
3. In addition, the Agency Case Manager assigned in the Dependency case file, must email CLS within 7 business days, proof of the referral having been provided to the parent and defense counsel.
4. This Order also applies to out of county, but in Florida, Agency supervised cases.
5. In cases where the parent(s) are receiving services out of state, the Department and Agency are exempt from the timeframes specified in this Order. However, at Judicial Review hearings, the Agency must provide reports and testimony showing reasonable efforts that services for the parents are being monitored and complied with.

Failure to comply with this Order may result in this Court finding that the Department and Agency are in non-compliance at Judicial Review hearings or other possible sanctions.



MICHELLE A. BARAKAT
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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