

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
_____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR
_____ COUNTY

CASE NO.:
DIVISION:

IN THE INTEREST OF

MINOR CHILD(REN)

ORDER FOR PRIORITY PLACEMENT AND
ORDER OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE INTERSTATE COMPACT
ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (Sections 409.401, et seq., F.S.)

THIS CAUSE came before the court on the _____ day of _____, _____, on the Motion of the Department of Children and Family Services (department) for Compliance with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (Compact), and the court being fully advised in the premises, makes the following findings:

1. The underlying legal status of the child(ren) on this date is: _____.
2. This court has sufficient jurisdiction over the child(ren) pursuant to Article V(a) of the Compact to invoke the Compact for the purpose of requesting one or more home studies on resource families from one or more receiving states.
3. Pursuant to Article III(d) of the Compact, this court will only place, or authorize the department to place, the child(ren) in an approved home in a receiving state after receipt of written notification from a receiving state that the proposed placement does not appear to be contrary to the interests of the child(ren).
4. If the child(ren) is placed pursuant to paragraph 3 above, this court will retain Article V(a) jurisdiction over the child(ren) sufficient to determine all matters in relation to the custody, supervision, care, and disposition of the child which it would have had if the child had remained in Florida, and this court will not terminate jurisdiction over said child(ren), or terminate the supervisory responsibility of the department over said child(ren), unless written concurrence is received from the receiving state.
5. This court expressly finds that its jurisdiction over said child(ren) includes the power to effect or cause the return of the child or its transfer to another location and custody pursuant to law, and that the state of Florida has and will continue to have financial responsibility for support and maintenance of the child during the period of the placement in the receiving state.
6. This court order provides sufficient authority and direction for the department to immediately return said child(ren) to Florida within three working days of receipt of written notification from the receiving state Compact Administrator that placement authorization will not be approved, or that previous placement approval has been withdrawn by the receiving state for reasons determined by the receiving state.
7. If the child(ren) is sent, or allowed to go, on a visit to a receiving state, this court finds that any visit must be in compliance with Regulation 9 of the Compact, and furthermore, this court takes judicial notice of the existence of Regulation 9 and its purpose in defining and regulating a visit under the Compact.

Having heard testimony and argument from the parties, and being fully advised in the premises, the Court makes the following findings of fact by clear and convincing evidence/or a preponderance of the evidence, that either paragraph 1 (a) and (b), or paragraph 2 applies in this case, as follows:

1(a) _____ [relative's name] is the proposed placement resource in the receiving state of _____, and is a relative of the child(ren) belonging to the class of persons as set forth in Article VIII(a) of the Compact, who could legally receive a child placed by another member of this same class from the sending state if the Compact were not invoked, to wit, _____ [relative's name] is the _____ [relationship] of the child(ren); and

(b) The child(ren) meet(s) one or more of the following requirement(s) pursuant to Regulation No. 7 of the Compact:

the child(ren) is/are under two (2) years of age [name(s), DOB of child(ren)]:

the child(ren) is/are in an emergency shelter: _____
[circumstances, dates, copy of emergency shelter court order attached]

the child(ren) has/have spent a substantial amount of time in the home of the proposed placement resource: _____

Circumstances/dates:

or,

2. No written response was received in the central Compact office from the receiving state Compact administrator within thirty (30) business days after receipt by the receiving state of a properly completed standard (non-priority) compact request sent on or after October 1, 1996 as documented and certified by the central Compact office [certification form attached].

In consequence of the foregoing, it is thereupon,

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that pursuant to the above findings or statements of judicial intent, the Juvenile Court of the _____ Judicial Circuit in and for _____ County, Florida, has jurisdiction over the above referenced child(ren) sufficient to invoke the use of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, will maintain jurisdiction as set forth in Article V of the Compact, authorizes the department to be the Sending Agency for the above named child(ren), _____, and further agrees to abide by all provisions of the Compact, sections 409.401, et seq., F.S., and hereby designates and directs the department as the court's agent in completing, executing and filing all necessary forms and carrying out and effectuating all obligations and responsibilities of the Sending Agency under the Compact.

DONE AND ORDERED at _____, County of _____, Florida, on this _____ day of _____, _____.

Circuit Judge

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Parents' Attorney