

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: 7.05

WHEREAS there are many children in the Judicial Circuit who are involved in dependency matters pursuant to Chapter 39, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS these children may be in the temporary legal custody of, and residing with other family members, non-relatives, or in the custody of the Department of Children and Families licensed care and/or permanently committed to the Department,

WHEREAS this Court recognizes the ongoing threat of emergency weather conditions (Tropical Storm/Hurricane Ike) currently threatening the State of Florida and particularly this Circuit comprising Monroe County; 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 to temporarily evacuate their residences.

NOW, THEREFORE; by the authority vested in me as Acting Chief Judge and pursuant to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is

**ORDERED:**

In the event of a threat, watch and/or warning of a hurricane or other state of emergency in Monroe County:

1. That children who are in out of home care and residing with other family members, non-relatives, or in the custody of the Department of Children and Families licensed care and/or permanently committed to the Department as a result of a dependency matter in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit may, upon the issuance of a hurricane evacuation order for the child's place of residence, evacuate the area to a safe place either within the state or out of the state.
2. That the foster parent or other legal custodian shall notify and continue to update the Department of Children and Families or appropriate Community Based Care Provider of the child/children's evacuation and whereabouts by telephone, facsimile or email 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 and remain in effect until further Order of the Court and all terms and conditions set forth in this Administrative Order shall apply unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

4. This Order shall be recorded in the Official Records of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit in the State of Florida, and the Clerk of Court shall furnish a certified copy to the Monroe County Bar Association.

**DONE AND ORDERED** this 5 day of Sept 2008, at Key West, Monroe County, Florida.



**DAVID AUDLIN  
ACTING CHIEF JUDGE**

**Copies to:**

- All Monroe County Dependency Judges and General Magistrates
- Holly Elomina, Court Administrator
- Clerk of Courts Monroe County
- Bar Associations for the Sixteenth Circuit
- Department of Children and Families, Circuit 16
- Fran Allegra CEO, Our Kids, Inc.