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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 86-8

RE: JUVENILE COURT - FAMILY COUNSELLING


It having been brought to this Court's attention that family counselling of many children alleged by their parents or guardians to be truant, ungovernable, or runaways would be more effective if engaged in prior to arraignment; now therefore,

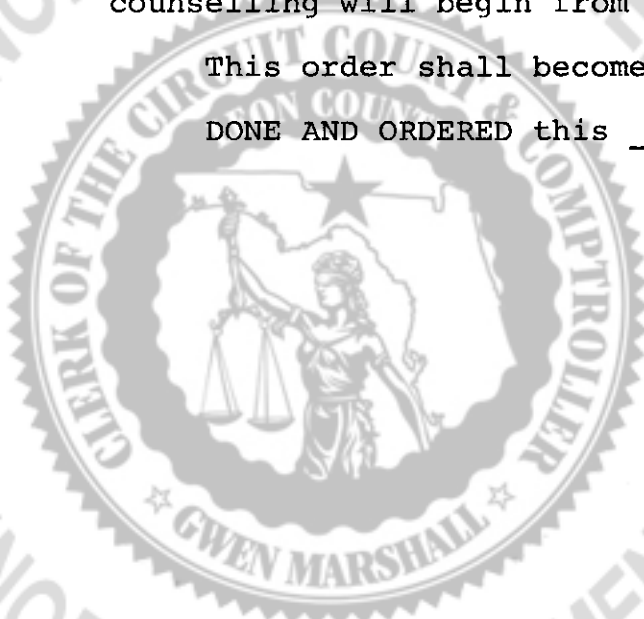
IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

1. When a parent or guardian of a child files a petition alleging dependency because the child is truant, ungovernable, or a runaway, unless otherwise specifically ordered by the Court, arraignment on the petition shall be set by the Clerk for a date between four and six weeks from the date of filing of the petition.
2. During this interval, the parent(s) or guardian(s) and the child shall cooperate with family counselling as arranged by the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. Counselling shall begin within one week from the date of filing of the petition and include at least four sessions to be completed before the date set for arraignment.
3. At the time of filing, the family will be referred immediately to the on-call Intake Officer of the Department who will initiate the counselling referral.
4. If the child is a runaway at the time of filing, a pick-up order shall be requested and the four to six week period for counselling will begin from the date of his apprehension.

This order shall become effective February 24, 1986.

DONE AND ORDERED this 21st day of February, 1986.


DONALD O. HARTWELL
Chief Circuit Judge



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The undersigned respectfully moves for the entry of the foregoing as an Administrative Order.



VICTOR M. CAWTHON
Administrative Judge
Juvenile Division

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