

CASE NO.:

IN THE INTEREST OF

MINOR CHILD(REN)

**ORDER OF COMPLIANCE AND FOR PRIORITY PLACEMENT UNDER
THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN**

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:

Pursuant to Regulation No. 7 of the Compact, sections 409.401, et seq., Florida Statutes. All parties entitled to notice were duly notified. Present before the Court were:

Department Agent: _____ Department Attorney: _____

Mother: _____ Father: _____

Legal Custodian/Guardian: _____

Guardian ad Litem: _____

Other: _____

The parent(s) was/were represented by counsel as follows: _____

The parent(s) was/were advised of their right to counsel and knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently waived the right.

The court declined to accept a waiver of counsel because: _____

The parent(s) requested appointment of counsel and counsel was appointed as follows: _____

The parent(s) requested appointment of counsel and the court declined to appoint counsel because: _____, or _____

The identity or residence of _____, the parent(s), is/are unknown to the department, and an Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry has been filed detailing the efforts on the part of the department to locate _____. That Affidavit has been filed and by this reference is made part hereof.

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:

A. This court authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services to be the sending agency for the above named child(ren) and further agrees to abide by all provisions of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, sections 409.401, et seq., Florida Statutes, and hereby designates and directs the Department of Children and Family Services 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.

B. The department shall immediately commence the necessary procedures for priority placement of the child(ren) with _____ [relative's name] in the state of _____, pursuant to Regulation No. 7 of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children.

C. The Clerk of the Court shall provide the original Order or a copy of this Order to the attorney for the department within two (2) business days of the date of this Order.

DONE AND ORDERED this _____ day of _____, _____, at _____, FL.

Circuit Judge

Typed name of Judge: _____

Business Address of Judge: _____

Business Phone of Judge: _____

FAX Number of Judge: _____

copies: Department of Children and Families, Family Safety Office
Attorney (original or copy of Order within 2 business days of Order)
Parents
GAL
Relative