

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. C-2012-44

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CREATING DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT

WHEREAS the Fifth Judicial Circuit seeks to assist Citrus County in implementing a comprehensive substance abuse program whereby parents in dependency cases receive treatment and support services; and

WHEREAS a separate division of the Family Law Division of the Circuit Court is necessary to assist in the referral of eligible individuals for substance abuse treatment and support toward the goal of reuniting and strengthening families in dependency actions; and

WHEREAS it is necessary for the efficient administration of justice to establish the Citrus County Dependency Drug Court, **IT IS THEREUPON**

ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Dependency Drug Court is hereby created as a new subdivision of the Family Law Division of the Circuit Court in and for Citrus County, Florida.
2. The Dependency Drug Court may handle all eligible cases as approved by the presiding Judge or General Magistrate to whose docket the case is assigned.
3. The General Magistrate or such other Judge as is appointed by the Administrative Judge shall preside over the Dependency Drug Court proceedings. These proceedings shall continue simultaneously with the dependency proceedings from which the case originated, unless otherwise ordered by the Judge presiding in the original case.
4. The Citrus County Drug Court Coordinator and/or Citrus County Drug Court Program Assistant are authorized to accept payment of the fees from Dependency Drug Court participants.
5. This Order shall be effective immediately upon signing and shall apply to all pending and future cases before the Circuit Court in and for Citrus County.

DONE AND ORDERED in Inverness, Citrus County, Florida, on this 17 day
of Oct, 2012.



PATRICIA THOMAS
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE – CITRUS COUNTY