

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: M-2023-11**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CREATING JUVENILE TREATMENT COURT IN  
MARION COUNTY**

**AND**

**RESCINDING AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER M-2009-26-A**

**WHEREAS**, on November 20, 2014, the Fifth Judicial Circuit issued Administrative Order No. M-2009-26-A, *“Amended Administrative Order Creating the Marion County Juvenile Drug Court Program in Marion County”*; and

**WHEREAS**, Juvenile Divisions of several Judicial circuits throughout the State of Florida have created and implemented Juvenile Drug Courts, also known as Juvenile Treatment Courts in an effort to reduce the delinquent behavior, substance abuse, and increase public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fifth Circuit seeks to continue to assist Marion County (the “County”) in maintaining a comprehensive anti-drug and anti-alcohol program whereby children in delinquency cases receive treatment and support services; and

**WHEREAS**, the County requires the assistance of the Court to provide the services pursuant to contractual obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the efficient administration of justice, it is, therefore:

**ORDERED that:**

1. “Juvenile Treatment Court” is hereby created to replace the alternative court program formerly known as Juvenile Drug Court.
2. Judge Stacy Youmans or such other Judge or General Magistrate appointed by the Administrative Judge is hereby assigned to Juvenile Treatment Court.
3. Juveniles participating in the Juvenile Treatment Court in Marion County will continue to be required to pay a fee of \$25.00. There will be a no refund policy for any funds paid by program participants of this program.
4. The Clerk of court is authorized to accept any participation fees or funds collected for

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Juvenile Treatment Court in Marion County.

5. This Order shall be effective immediately upon approval and shall apply to all pending and future cases before the Circuit Court in and for Marion County, Florida.
6. This order rescinds, replaces, and supersedes Administrative Order M-2009-26-A.

**DONE and ORDERED** in Chambers at Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida this 7th of August, 2023.



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The Honorable Daniel B. Merritt, Jr.  
Chief Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit