

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN
AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Petitioner,

FAMILY DIVISION: FC

v.

CASE NO.

Respondent.
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ORDER OF REFERRAL TO THE SOCIAL INVESTIGATION PROGRAM

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard this _____ day of _____, 20_____, and this Court having reviewed the file, having heard the arguments of counsel and otherwise being advised in the premises, it is hereby:

ORDERED and ADJUDGED that a social investigation of the parties is deemed useful to the Court for the purpose of determining the best interests of the child or children with respect to parental home environments, parental responsibility and time-sharing.

Therefore, in accordance with section 61.20 Florida Statutes and the inherent power of the Court, this cause is referred to the Social Investigation Program for a social investigation. The issues the Court wishes to have addressed are indicated below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Initial determination of parenting time | <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of parenting time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment of parental home environments | <input type="checkbox"/> Shared/sole parental responsibility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

Each party shall contact the Social Investigation Program of the Family Court Services Unit at (305) 349-5508 **within five (5) working days** for the purposes of providing preliminary information which is necessary for the investigation to proceed. Both parties have an additional five (5) working days to pay the fee required for the investigation to take place. If payment is not made within ten (10) days of this order, the Court shall be notified and may impose sanctions against the offending party. If either party resides outside of the Miami-Dade/Broward County area, an additional fee for the investigation may be required. The amount of additional fee, if necessary, will be forwarded to the parties and their attorneys and the Court by the Social Investigation Program prior to assigning the case. The investigation will not be initiated until the fees assessed by the Court are paid.

Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the cost to the parties of the aforesaid investigation is set at six hundred and fifty dollars (\$650.00) per investigation or three hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$325.00) for a one sided investigation. All fees shall be paid prior to the commencement of the investigation, and shall be:

- borne equally by the parties.
- borne by the Petitioner/waived as to Respondent.
- borne by the Respondent/waived as to Petitioner.
- waived as to both Petitioner/Respondent due to inability to pay.
- The Court finds after inquiry that the parties are not indigent, but that they are unable to pay full cost. Accordingly, the following payment will apply:
Petitioner: _____
Respondent: _____

A cashier's check or money order shall be made payable to the individual investigator. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent either party from requesting reimbursement for costs as provided for by the law.

These fees apply to the execution of the investigation only and do not cover charges for depositions/testimony of the investigator. In such cases where deposition/testimony is required, the investigator is responsible for any additional financial arrangements with the parties.

Attempts shall be made to provide a social investigator fluent in the language of the parties. If either party is non-English speaking, please indicate the language preferred: _____. If an interpreter is necessary, it is the obligation of the party to provide one. The parties' child(ren) shall not serve as the interpreter.

It is further ordered and adjudged that upon presentation of this Order to any agency, organization, school, person of office, including the Clerk of the Court, the Department of Children and Families, human services and/or child caring agency, public and private health facilities, medical and mental health professionals, including doctors, nurses, pediatricians, psychologists, psychiatrists, counselors and staff, and law enforcement agencies, the individual designated by this Order is hereby authorized to inspect and copy any record relating to the above-named child without the consent of said child or the parents of said child, and to further receive related information by verbal report or through technological devices such as telephone, fax or email. The investigator shall maintain any information received from any of the sources noted above as confidential and shall not disclose that information to any other person, except in reports to the Court and to the parties in this cause and their counsel in accordance with Section 61.20 Florida Statutes, or as otherwise directed by the Court.

Upon completion of the investigation, the investigator shall furnish a written report setting forth the investigator's findings, recommendations (if any) as well as the basis for those conclusions, to the Social Investigation Program, who will provide the original to the Court and furnish copies to the parties, their counsel and Guardian ad Litem, if appointed. Under ordinary circumstances, this report shall be completed within thirty days (30) from the date the fees are received by the Social Investigation Program. A request for extension by the investigator outlining the reasons for such delay shall be provided to the Social Investigation Program, who will submit the request to the Court.

Failure to comply with the terms of this order may result in sanctions against the offending party, the offending party's attorney, or both, as provided by Florida Law.

Next scheduled hearing date is set for _____.

DONE and **ORDERED** in Chambers at Dade County, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

Circuit Court Judge

cc: Social Investigation Program, Family Court Services
Courthouse Center, Suite 1503
175 NW 1st Avenue
Miami, FL 33128
(305) 349-5508

Attorney/Petitioner:

Attorney/Respondent:

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Guardian Ad Litem: _____ Phone: _____

* *If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in these proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Dade County Court's ADA Coordinator at 73 West Flagler, Room 911, Miami, Florida 33130 no later than seven days prior to the conference at (305) 349-7175 (voice); (305) 349-7174 (TDD).*