

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL  
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Order Number 2017-19-UFC

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER MANDATING  
PARENT EDUCATION AND FAMILY STABILIZATION COURSE

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- (a) Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(3) states the chief judge shall “considering available resources, ensure the efficient and proper administration of all courts within [this] circuit.”
- (b) Section 61.21, Florida Statutes, requires parents to attend a Parent Education and Family Stabilization Course if there are issues of parental responsibility.
- (c) In accordance with the authority vested in the chief judge by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is ordered:
- (1) When a dissolution of marriage action with children or paternity action is filed with Clerk of Court the parents are required to attend a Parent Education and Family Stabilization Course.
  - (2) The Clerk of Courts shall provide the petitioning party or attorney notice of this Administrative Order and a link to the approved providers of a Parent Education and Family Stabilization Course.
  - (3) The parents shall attend the course as required by Section 61.21, Florida Statutes and file a copy with the Clerk of Court proof of completion.
  - (4) The failure to complete or file a certificate of completion will not preclude a parent from seeking emergency relief at any time.
  - (5) The petitioner must file a certificate of completion prior to the final hearing. If the responding party has defaulted in the action or failed to complete the course, a final hearing may be scheduled by the petitioner; however, the petitioner must bring to the Court's attention the respondent's failure to comply with this Administrative Order.
  - (6) This Order vacates and supersedes Administrative Order No. II-00-F-6.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida on

April 19, 2017.

/s/ Peter M. Weinstein  
Peter M. Weinstein, Chief Judge