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CHIEF JUDGE DIRECTIVE 19-08A (AMENDED)

DATE: May 17, 2022

TO: All Judges, All Court Commissioners, District Court Administrator, County Executive, Clerk of Circuit Court, Corporation Counsel, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney, Public Defender, DAS, Fiscal Affairs, Court Coordinators, Children, Youth and Family Services, Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services, Legal Aid Society, JusticePoint, WCS, Court Reporting Services, IMSD, Legal Resource Center, CCAP, Facilities Management

FROM: Hon. Mary E. Triggiano, Chief Judge

RE: SHARING OF THE DIVISION OF MILWAUKEE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (DMCPS) RECORDS WITH THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM (GAL) AND CHILDREN'S DIVISION COURT LEGAL COUNSEL FOR PURPOSES OF SCREENING CHAPTER 48.9795 GUARDIANSHIPS

EFFECTIVE MAY 17, 2022:

IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED that, the Court authorizes the DMCPS to share abuse and neglect reports and records under Wis. Stat. §48.78(2) (a) relating to the child who may be the subject of a Chapter 48.9795 guardianship; and,

IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED that, the Court authorizes the guardian ad litem to access any Chapter 48 court files, under Wis. Stat. §48.396(2), relating to the child who may be the subject of a Chapter 48.9795 guardianship; and,

IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED that, information related to the child's parents, and any prospective guardian shall be shared with the assigned GAL for the purpose of investigating the guardianship request and making a recommendation to the court regarding the appropriateness of the request; and,

IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED that, information related to the child's parents, and any prospective guardian shall be shared with the Children's Division court staff for the purpose of screening the request for appropriateness, legal sufficiency, and any potential issues related to the filing of the petition; now therefore,

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER DIRECTED that, the GAL and Children's Division Court Legal Counsel that obtains access to a report or record from DMCPS, shall keep the information confidential and may only disclose that information to the court, unless directed by the court to disclose that information to all parties to the proceeding.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 17th day of May, 2022.



Hon. Mary E. Triggiano
Chief Judge

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