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CLERK CIRCUIT COURT
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO 95-10

IN RE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUVENILE DRUG COURT PLANNING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Second Judicial Circuit has successfully implemented and is utilizing a drug court for adult drug defendants;

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Justice's assessment of a Florida adult drug court found that defendants had lower incarceration rates, less frequent rearrests, and longer times to rearrest,

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) reveal that arrest rates of juveniles for the use, possession and sale of drugs charges in Florida have increased 63 7% from 1993 to 1994;

WHEREAS, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Client Information System (CIS) projects a 32% increase in Leon county for juvenile drug arrests from 1994 to 1995,

WHEREAS, it is the Court's desire to assess the feasibility of establishing a juvenile Drug Court in Leon County It is therefore

ORDERED THAT

I. PLANNING COMMITTEE

A Leon County Juvenile Drug Court Planning Committee is hereby established Membership on this committee shall consist of the following

1 The chief judge of the Second Judicial Circuit or a circuit judge designated by the chief judge The chief judge or circuit judge shall serve as the chair of this planning committee

2 The Leon county juvenile judge

3 The State Attorney or his designee

4 The Public Defender or her designee

5 The Executive Director of DISC Village or his designee

6 The trial court administrator for the Second Judicial circuit or his desigee

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7 The Department of Juvenile Justice Manager for District II B or his designee

8 The Leon County Juvenile Justice Council Executive Director or her designee

II PURPOSE

The purpose of this Planning Committee will be to determine if there is a need for a juvenile drug program in Leon county, what, if any, existing resources are available, the feasibility of initiating a program, and, if it is determined there is a need to develop a plan for implementing a Juvenile Drug Court in Leon county to handle appropriate juvenile drug cases

III COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The specific responsibilities of this committee shall include, at a minimum

1 Analyze juvenile arrest statistics to determine the incidence of arrests for use and possession of drugs in Leon county

2 Identify the current methods for handling these cases and local resources currently utilized

3 Identify the desired target population (i e , first or second time offenders, misdemeanor or felony cases) which would be referred to the program

4 Identify the resources needed to implement a program

5 Determine potential funding sources to establish a program

IV MEETINGS

The committee shall meet at the times and locations determined by the Chair The committee shall make final recommendations by October 31, 1995

V FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The Juvenile Drug Court Planning Committee shall remain in existence after the above recommendations are presented Should it be determined that a program is needed, the Committee shall assume an oversight role when the Juvenile Drug Court is established The Committee shall periodically review the activities and accomplishments of the program and make recommendations for improved operation

DONE AND ORDERED in the Chambers in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida this 29 day of June, 1995

Philip J Padovano
Chief Judge

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