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SUPPLEMENT TO
DIRECTIVE #03-21

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SUBJECT: Family - Children in Court (CIC) Standards - Revised Standard 6 --
Advisory Notice to Parents

DATE: November 13, 2023

This Supplement to Administrative Directive #03-21 promulgates a revised Standard 6 of the Children in Court (CIC) Standards as set forth below. Revised Standard 6 is effective immediately. The affected CIC forms of Order have been updated accordingly.

Standard 6: Advisory notice to parents of the potential consequences of non-compliance

At each court event, judges should orally advise parents of the potential consequences of non-compliance with the court-ordered plan for services and reunification. These consequences include the possibility that their rights as parents could be terminated so that their child(ren) can be adopted. Applicable court orders in child protection cases (FN docket) where the children are in out-of-home placement shall include the following advisory notice:

THE DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING -
REASONABLE EFFORTS TO REUNIFY THE CHILD(REN)
WITH THEIR PARENT(S). THE FAILURE OF A DEFENDANT
TO COMPLY WITH ANY PROVISION OF THIS ORDER OR
THEIR CONTINUING FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY RESULT IN
THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT BY THE DIVISION TO
TERMINATE A DEFENDANT'S PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE

CHILD(REN) NAMED IN THIS COMPLAINT. A
TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS MEANS THE
CHILD(REN) MAY BE ADOPTED.

Applicable court orders in termination of parental rights cases (FG
docket) shall include the following advisory notice:

THE FAILURE OF A DEFENDANT TO COMPLY WITH ANY
PROVISION OF THIS ORDER OR THEIR CONTINUING
FAILURE TO APPEAR COULD RESULT IN A DEFAULT
ENTERED BY THE COURT AND TERMINATION OF
PARENTAL RIGHTS. A TERMINATION OF PARENTAL
RIGHTS MEANS THE CHILD(REN) MAY BE ADOPTED.

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