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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF _____ COUNTY, KANSAS**

IN THE INTEREST OF:

Year of Birth _____ **A** **male** **female**

Case No. _____

ORDER APPOINTING SPECIAL ADVOCATE

Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2206 and Supreme Court Rule 110

NOW on this _____ day of _____, _____ the Court has determined that the best interests of the minor child named above would be served by appointing a Court Appointed Special Advocate.

IT IS THEREFORE BY THE COURT ORDERED, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 110:

1. _____ is appointed as the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA volunteer) for the above-named child.
2. The CASA volunteer, or any agent of _____ (*insert program name*) (CASA program), shall have access to the records and files of the Court; of the Secretary of the Department for Children and Families (DCF); of DCF contracted providers; and of any school, hospital, doctor, therapist, or other individual or agency regarding the above-named child and parents or legal guardians of the child as authorized by the Kansas code for care of children. This order encompasses and is in compliance with the provisions of the Privacy Rule of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), 45 C.F.R. 164.512(e)(1) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g; 34 C.F.R. 99. Such agencies shall disclose those records and protected health and education information as requested. A copy of this order shall be the only authorization necessary for such purpose.
3. The CASA program and CASA volunteer shall have reasonable access to the child.
4. The CASA program and CASA volunteer shall maintain confidentiality as prescribed by law. Unless specifically authorized by the Court, the CASA program and CASA volunteer shall not disclose the information received to anyone other than the Department for Children and

Families, the assigned court services officer (CSO), assigned case worker(s), CASA office staff, parties and interested parties and their attorneys, or involved therapists.

5. The CASA program and CASA volunteer shall advocate for the best interests of the child and assist the child in obtaining a permanent, safe and homelike placement.
6. The CASA program and CASA volunteer shall be given notice of, and be authorized to attend staffings, including but not limited to, best interest staffings; case planning conferences; team meetings; meetings regarding the child's education; and Court hearings regarding the child.
7. This appointment shall be in full force and effect as long as the child remains under the jurisdiction of this Court, unless rescinded by order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Judge of the District Court

Authority

K.S.A. 38-2206 and Supreme Court Rule 110.

Notes on Use

See Notes on Use for Form 117.

Comments

The court-appointed special advocate does not have interested party status. *In re D.D.P., Jr.*, 249 Kan. 529, 819 P. 2d 1212 (1991).