

**Sixth Judicial District
State of Colorado
Archuleta, La Plata and San Juan Counties**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2016 - 10 (THIS ORDER VACATES
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS 2008-2 AND 2005-14)**

REGARDING CHILD ABUSE AND OR NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS

This is authorized by CRS 19-3-308(3)(b)

If the county department of human services has received a report of abuse or neglect and determines that it is necessary to interview the child who was the subject of the report, the department shall interview or observe the child without unnecessary delay. If the department is denied the ability to interview, observe, or examine the child or the child's residence or location of the reported abuse by the child's parent, caretaker, or other responsible person, the department shall apply for an order with the juvenile court or district court having jurisdiction for an order that the department be allowed to interview, observe, or examine the child and to conduct any necessary investigation. Such application shall be in the form of an affidavit, sworn to or affirmed to before the judge. The affidavit shall:

- (1) identify why the department has determined it necessary to interview, observe, or examine the child or the child's residence or location of the reported abuse;
- (2) explain why the department has been unable to interview, observe, or examine the child or to conduct a necessary investigation;
- (4) identify the person or persons responsible for not allowing the department to interview, observe, or examine the child or the child's residence or location of the reported abuse; and,
- (3) identify or describe, as nearly as may be, the premises to be observed or examined.

The department shall not have the authority to interview, observe, or examine the child or the child's residence or location of the reported abuse over the objection of the child's parent, caretaker, or other responsible person without a court order that has been applied for and granted specifically for the individual report of abuse or neglect.

Done this 27th day of May, 2016



Gregory G. Lyman, Chief Judge

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