

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
FAMILY COURT DIVISION**

IN RE: Jackson County CASA Chiefs
Charity Game Attendance

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 24-04

ORDER

Now on this 31st day of July, 2024:

Whereas, Jackson County Court Appointed Special Advocates (“CASA”) is the beneficiary of the Kansas City Chiefs Charity Game on August 17, 2024, which allows CASA to use the Chiefs Charity Game to raise awareness and funds to expand its capacity to provide highly trained volunteer advocates for children in the Jackson County Family Court system; and

Whereas, CASA would like to send selected children, who are age 17 and younger and represented by CASA within the Jackson County Family Court system (“CASA kids”), and other members of their household, to the Chiefs Charity Game on August 17, 2024, where during the course of the game, they may be identified in media as “representatives of Jackson County CASA”, along with CASA staff, and board members and their families; and

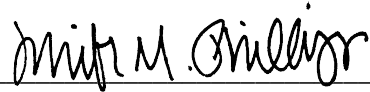
Whereas, Missouri Children’s Division policy, as written in Chapter 8, Section 4, Subsection 1 of the Missouri Department of Social Services Child Welfare Manual, prohibits the exploitation of children and supports a child’s right to privacy, and requires Children’s Division to ask any children who may have media involvement if they are interested in participating, and to seek the Court’s permission for children ages 17 and under any time a child’s name or picture is used for public performance and media involvement;

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that, effective July 31, 2024, that the CASA kids, and other children in the Jackson County Family Court system under 17 years of age who reside in the CASA kids’ household, and who wish to attend the 2024 Chiefs Charity Game (and for whom tickets are available), may attend and/or participate in game day events (excluding media interviews) without requiring specific judicial approval, provided that the following procedure is followed:

- The child, if under age 17, has been informed about the opportunity to go to the Chiefs game and the possible media involvement, and that their participation is strictly voluntary, and the child has expressed interest in participating;
- Children’s Division and/or CASA has employed good faith efforts to seek and obtain the consent of the selected child’s parents or legal guardian to attend the game with the understanding that their child could be identified in media and photos as a “representative of Jackson County CASA”, and said parent or guardian has not objected or expressly refused to consent;
- CASA and/or Children’s Division shall keep a record of responses for each participating child, to be available to the Court upon request. CASA and/or Children’s Division shall file a motion to put the issue in front of the Administrative Judge for judicial review, if a parent refuses to consent, and the CASA child(ren) wants to attend the game.
- At no time shall a child be individually identified to the media, or identified as being in foster care, or being involved in the Jackson County Family Court system.

This order shall be in effect until August 18, 2024.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



JENNIFER M. PHILLIPS
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE, DIVISION 12
FAMILY COURT DIVISION

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