

CAUSE NO. _____

_____	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
	§	
VS.	§	_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT
	§	
_____	§	BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER OF REFERRAL TO DRO

On _____, a hearing was held to determine the necessity of having the Domestic Relations Office (DRO) assist the Court in the above styled and numbered cause. After hearing the evidence and argument of counsel and conferring with the DRO Director, the Court makes the following order:

The Court has determined that this case merits using the resources of the Domestic Relations Office.

It is ORDERED that _____ is referred to the Domestic Relations Office of Bexar County, Texas to meet with the Director of the Domestic Relations Office, immediately (circle) OR on _____ OR before _____, and the Director is appointed for the following purpose(s):

1. _____ Determine the maturity of the child(ren) expressing a preference in a suit affecting parent-child relationship;
2. _____ Determine the influences impacting the child(ren) expressing a preference in a suit affecting parent-child relationship;
3. _____ To verify/assess the expressed objectives by the child(ren);

It is further ORDERED that the DRO Director is appointed for the limited purpose of accomplishing the above-listed objectives, and he shall have access to the child and confidential information relating to the child as set forth in § 107.006, Texas Family Code.

It is further ORDERED that the DRO Director by this referral is considered to be an adjunct to the Court and is to report his findings only to the Court, the parents and their attorneys.

It is further ORDERED that the DRO Director is not to be called as a witness to testify in these proceedings with regard to his findings.

The parties are ORDERED to follow the protocol of the Domestic Relations Office concerning these consultations.

It is further ORDERED that the DRO Director's compliance with this Order does not subject him to being required to render any opinions which would be considered expert opinions with regard to the above issues.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

JUDGE