

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C4-85-1848, C1-95-2120

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ORDER REGARDING ACCESS TO RECORDS OF
VISITATION AND CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, The Visitation and Child Support Enforcement Task Force requires access to records of parentage proceedings to evaluate visitation and support disputes and to conduct a survey of participants; and

WHEREAS, records of parentage proceedings, except the final judgment, are inaccessible to the public pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 257.70; and

WHEREAS, the integrity and success of the evaluation process requires that the identity of persons surveyed be inaccessible to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Records of parentage proceedings shall be accessible to the Visitation and Child Support Task force upon request. All information on parentage proceedings collected, created, received, maintained or disseminated by the Task Force for use in evaluating visitation and support disputes, including surveys, shall be inaccessible to the public; provided, however, that information that does not identify any participant in the parentage proceedings or survey may be made accessible to the public at the discretion of the Task Force.
2. The Task Force shall implement appropriate safeguards to ensure the confidentiality provided by this order.

Dated: May 3, 1996

BY THE COURT


A. M. Keith
Chief Justice