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FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

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JUVENILE COURT DIVISION

BY _____
HONORABLE DISTRICT
COURT ADMINISTRATOR

In re:

AMENDED
STANDING ORDER

**ACCESS TO
ADOPTION HOME STUDIES**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, pursuant to the jurisdiction accorded this Court by Minn. Stat. §260C.101 over children whose parental rights have been terminated, and by Minn. Stat. §259.23 over adoption proceedings, and pursuant to the power and discretion accorded this Court by Minn. Stat. §259.53, subd. 3(b) with respect to reports and records of the Commissioner of Human Services, local social services agency or child-placing agency, and based on the finding that it is in the best interests of any child under the jurisdiction of the court for the guardian ad litem, child's attorney, and Indian tribe, if any, to have access to necessary reports and records, the Court hereby issues the following:

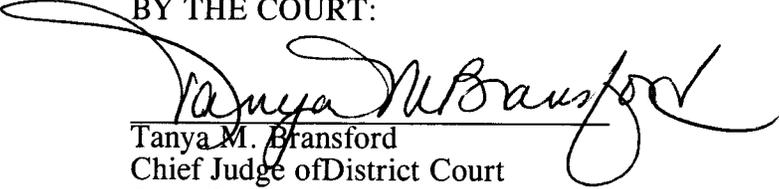
ORDER

1. The guardian ad litem appointed by the District Court to represent the best interests of the child/children, and/or the attorney appointed by the District Court to represent the child/children, shall have access to any home studies, investigations, or reports related to persons which the local social services agency or child-placing agency has selected as the potential adoptive resource for the child/children. This access shall include such written or oral materials which are in the possession of said agency, political subdivision, or any person, organization, or agency subject to the Minnesota Data Practices Act. Nothing in the Minnesota Data Practices Act or other statutory privileges with the exception of the attorney/client privilege, shall prevent access to this information by the guardian ad litem and/or the child/children's attorney.

2. The confidentiality of information received by the guardian ad litem and/or the child/children's attorney pursuant to this order is subject to all applicable rules and statutes governing the guardian ad litem and/or the attorney, and the guardian ad litem and/or attorney shall not disclose the identity of individuals providing information in the report or records.
3. This order is for the benefit of the guardian ad litem, the guardian ad litem's attorney, if any, and/or the attorney for the child/children and the home study shall not be reproduced for delivery to any other person or party without further order of the court.
4. Nothing in this order shall be construed to limit access by the guardian ad litem and/or the child/children's attorney to any other information or materials to which s/he is entitled pursuant to rule, statute or order of the court.
5. In cases involving Indian children, as defined by the Indian Child Welfare Act, the child's Tribe shall also have access to any home studies, investigations, or reports related to persons which the local social services agency or child-placing agency is considering as a potential adoptive resource for the child/children, and the Tribe shall be bound by all of the other provisions of this order.

Dated: August 12, 2008

BY THE COURT:


Tanya M. Bransford
Chief Judge of District Court
Juvenile Division