

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

ANIBAL STEPHENSON,

Petitioner,

v.

CASE NO. 17-0616
RENDITION NO. DCF-17-224-FO

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES,

Respondent.

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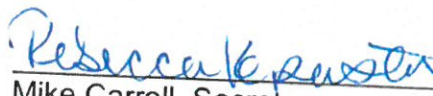
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FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE is before me for entry of a final order concerning Petitioner's request for a waiver of 65C-14.023(15) (b), Florida Administrative Code. The Recommended Order, dated May 11, 2017, concluded the purpose of the underlying statute is met by the granting of this education waiver, that strict adherence to the education requirements leads to unreasonable and unfair consequences, and that the Petitioner demonstrated a financial hardship upon himself and the child caring agency if the waiver is denied. Neither party filed exceptions to the Recommended Order.

Accordingly, Petitioner's request for a waiver of 65C-14.023 (15) (b) is **GRANTED**. This waiver only applies to Mr. Stephenson's current position as Program Director of the Unaccompanied Children (UC) Program.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 11th day of October, 2017.



Mike Carroll, Secretary

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY ACTION AND MAY BE APPEALED BY A PARTY PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.68, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND RULES 9.110 AND 9.190, FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE. SUCH APPEAL IS INSTITUTED BY FILING ONE COPY OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE AGENCY CLERK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT 1317 WINEWOOD BOULEVARD, BUILDING 2, ROOM 204, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0700, AND A SECOND COPY ALONG WITH FILING FEE AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW, IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL WHERE THE PARTY RESIDES OR IN THE FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. THE NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST BE FILED (RECEIVED) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RENDITION OF THIS ORDER.¹

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