

In the Iowa Supreme Court

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**In the Matter of the Informal
Family Law Trial Program for
Self-Represented Litigants**

Order

The Informal Family Law Program expedites the resolution of family law cases involving less complicated factual circumstances. The 7th judicial district has piloted the Informal Family Law Program for over three years. On July 9, 2020, the supreme court issued an order expanding the Informal Family Law Trial Program statewide in all family law cases where both parties are self-represented. Consent of both parties is not required for assignment to the Informal Family Law Program although the district court may allow a self-represented party to opt out for good cause.

As required by the July 9, 2020 order, all judicial districts have submitted their plans for implementation of the Informal Family Law Trial Program or a similar program to the supreme court for approval. After carefully reviewing all of the district plans the supreme court approves all of the plans for implementation as set on in the individual plans.

Dated this 1st day of December, 2020.

The Iowa Supreme Court

By: 

Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice

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