

**CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 155 of 1964**

**551.337 Referrals to agencies outside court; conferences.**

Sec. 7.

The director of a circuit court family counseling service shall advise spouses fully of the existence of qualified family counseling services outside the court so that they may freely make an informed choice of the outside service. In order to assure maximum use of community resources, referrals to agencies outside the court shall be made unless otherwise requested. The family counseling service may hold conferences with the spouse, spouses, or members of the family, or may refer parties to other qualified family counselors, family counseling agencies, or social welfare agencies, religious agencies or advisors, physicians, psychiatrists, private agencies, or other qualified persons. The referrals shall be made, when in the judgment of the director, the interest of the family would thereby be as well or better served.

**History:** 1964, Act 155, Eff. Aug. 28, 1964 ;-- Am. 1980, Act 16, Imd. Eff. Feb. 14, 1980