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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

OF FLORIDA

THIRD DISTRICT

JULY TERM, A.D. 2001

R.G., \*\*

Appellant, \*\*

vs. \*\* CASE NO. 3D01-366

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND \*\* LOWER

FAMILY SERVICES, et al., TRIBUNAL NO. 00-15469

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Appellees.

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Opinion filed September 5, 2001.

An Appeal from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County, Steven D. Robinson, Judge.

Marc Anthony Douthit, for appellant.

Robert A. Butterworth, Attorney General, for appellee; Robin Greene, for Department of Children and Family Services; and Nancy Schleifer, Guardian Ad Litem.

Before GREEN, FLETCHER, and RAMIREZ, JJ.

PER CURIAM.

Affirmed. We find no merit in the assertion that the trial court's order did not state the facts upon which the finding of dependency is based. Section 39.507(5), Florida Statutes (2000),

requires the court to enter an order briefly stating the facts upon which its finding is based. See Castellanos v. Department of Health and Rehab. Servs., 545 So. 2d 455, 458 (Fla. 3d DCA 1989). The trial court here provided ample facts to support its finding of dependency as to both children. Additionally, any due process concerns were never raised before the trial court and are therefore barred. See Hill v. State, 549 So. 2d 179, 182 (Fla. 1989). Furthermore, the Department was properly allowed to amend its pleading to conform with the evidence.