

N A startling ruling, a judge has ordered a drug-addicted, homeless woman with four children — and a fifth on the way — to stop having babies face going to jail.

When her latest baby was born in spring, the 35-year-old mother had to have the infant placed in foster care — along with her three other children.

Now no-nonsense Family Court Judge Marilyn O'Connor has ordered the parents to quit having kids until they can prove they can care for them — or face contempt of court charges!

The decision has ignited a re-storm of controversy. However, the Rochester, N.Y., judge is standing firm.

"All babies deserve more than to be born to parents who have proven they cannot possibly raise or parent a child," declared Judge O'Connor.

"This neglected existence is an immense burden to place on a child and on society. The cycle of neglect needs to stop."

Rodney Evers' baby-making partner, identified in court papers only as Stephanie, has four children — a 6, 4, 2, and 1-year-old — though one has a different father. Now Stephanie is expecting a fifth!

Shockingly, the three youngest children tested positive for cocaine at birth, and both Evers and Stephanie have admitted in court to abusing alcohol and drugs.

Evers, a 54-year-old former construction foreman, took deep offense to Judge O'Connor's ruling — and indicated he would ignore it.

"I can't abide by something like that. It is telling me I have to be celibate," he complained.

"God said, 'Be fruitful and multiply.' Man cannot play God."

The admitted cocaine addict is prohibited from communicating

five is enough!

JUDGE ORDERS DRUGGED-OUT HOMELESS WOMAN TO STOP HAVING KIDS

■ *But dad says: 'That's telling me I have to be celibate'*



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with his children due to an order of protection.

Judge O'Connor, 66, explained she isn't forcing contraception or sterilization on the couple, nor was she requiring the mother to have an abortion. But if the couple had another child, they could end up behind bars.

Ironically, the mother became pregnant again with her fifth child just two weeks before the judge issued her order, according to the woman's relatives.

Many Rochester locals applaud Judge O'Connor's no-more-kids ruling, calling it a "wake-up call to parents to put children first."

"When people show a blatant disregard for their duties, and are negligent in caring for the children they created, the government has to find ways to stop perpetuating the problem," Benjamin Lopez, lobbyist for the Traditional Values Coalition, told The ENQUIRER.

"The welfare of children should be the first and foremost duty of

parents, and when parents fail, it's the obligation of government to step in."

But the court's decision outraged many civil rights activists.

Dr. Lois Mueller, a Florida licensed clinical psychologist specializing in families, told The ENQUIRER: "Judges do outrageous things,

and ordering people not to have children is just not something we do in this country. What's next — forced sterilization?"

"We have a Constitution, and judges aren't God. It would be nice for our country to solve this type of problem, but it must be done without violating people's civil rights." — ROBIN MIZRANI

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