PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIMITED NONCONSENT

Request for Written Child Protection Information | ALABAMA

Date: [Date] Parent / guardian: [Full name]

Mailing address: [Street, city, state, ZIP] Contact (optional): [Email / phone]

To: Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR), [County office] - [Assigned worker or local office]

Re: [Child initials or case / assessment number]

To the assigned caseworker and supervisor:

I understand that Alabama Code § 26-14-7 directs DHR to investigate reports of child abuse or neglect. Please document the distinction between requests depending on consent and actions required by court order or other lawful authority.

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I do not give blanket voluntary consent to interviews of me, nonemergency home entry or searches based only on consent, optional adult evaluations/testing, private-records releases, or voluntary safety plans/services. Please explain each separate request and allow an opportunity to obtain legal advice. I will comply with valid court orders and lawful emergency action.

IMPORTANT STATE-SPECIFIC RULES

- Under Alabama Code § 26-14-7(c), if investigators cannot obtain access to a home, school or other place, or permission for a child examination, the agency may seek a court order upon cause shown.
- The same statute permits investigations and, where necessary and justified by a court order, temporary removal to protect a child. This notice should not be read as an instruction to deny lawful access or conceal a child.
- Alabama Code § 26-14-7.1 applies to alleged perpetrators connected with specified child-care facilities, agencies or homes; it is not a universal parent appeal right. A covered person must have a WRITTEN hearing request RECEIVED by DHR within 10 departmental working days of receiving the investigator's conclusions notice. At a hearing, § 26-14-7.1(7) grants specified evidence, representation and witness rights.

PLEASE PROVIDE IN WRITING

- Worker and supervisor names and business contacts, report/reference number, and lawfully releasable concerns or allegations.
- Whether a requested interview, home visit, examination, test, safety plan or record release is voluntary or court-authorized, and any applicable order.
- Written findings, record-access restrictions and applicable review rights. If § 26-14-7.1 applies, supply written hearing instructions and hearing evidence rules; requests to inspect exculpatory evidence must be made at least 5 working days before hearing, and subpoenas generally requested at least 10 calendar days before hearing (subject to an agreed shorter period).

Please place this notice in the agency record, respond in writing to the address above, and confirm receipt. For urgent child-safety concerns, contact me through the available lawful channels.

Sincerely: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

LEGAL REFERENCES: Ala. Code §§ 26-14-7(c), 26-14-7.1(1)-(7); Alabama Legislature official Code; U.S. Const. amend. IV.

CAUTION: § 26-14-7.1 applies only to eligible persons connected with qualifying care settings; the 10-working-day filing period is not universal. This letter does NOT request a hearing. Verify the actual DHR notice and seek counsel.

IMPORTANT - NO APPEAL FILED: This notice does not file an appeal, hearing request, grievance, or court petition; it does not pause any deadline. Follow the case-specific notice and filing instructions.