PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIMITED NONCONSENT

Request for Written Child Protection Information | ARKANSAS

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

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

To: Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) - [Assigned worker or local office]

Re: [Child initials or case / assessment number]

To the assigned caseworker and supervisor:

I understand Arkansas authorizes investigation of reports of suspected child maltreatment. Please record each request for consent and identify the court order, statute or rule for any action claimed to be compulsory.

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I do not grant blanket voluntary consent to adult interviews, consensual nonemergency home entry, optional adult tests/evaluations, releases of my confidential records, or proposed voluntary agreements. I will consider specific requests separately and may seek counsel. This letter does not override lawful child interviews, court orders or justified emergency interventions.

IMPORTANT STATE-SPECIFIC RULES

- The July 1, 2026 version of 9 CAR § 40-313 addresses investigative home/school access and court investigation orders. An immediate safety plan may not itself change custody or limit parental access; a dependency-neglect petition and court order are required for those restrictions under the rule. Emergency protective-custody provisions are separate.
- Ark. Code § 6-18-513 allows school notification exceptions during suspected-maltreatment interviews and prohibits certain notices when a parent is an alleged offender and an authorized investigator supplies the required documentation.
- TRUE FINDING APPEAL: A qualifying person generally must REQUEST AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING IN WRITING within 30 CALENDAR DAYS after receiving a true-finding notice. Send to DHS Office of Appeals & Hearings, P.O. Box 1437, Slot 101, Little Rock, AR 72203 (9 CAR § 40-1003). This letter does NOT file an appeal.

PLEASE PROVIDE IN WRITING

- The assigned DCFS or Crimes Against Children Division worker and supervisor, incident number, allegations lawfully disclosed, and source of any claimed mandatory requirement.
- A written explanation and copies of proposed voluntary services, safety agreements, evaluations, releases or access requests.
- The final finding and Registry notice, records and complaint procedures, and any appeal form or instructions. Please state whether a hearing is available, the date notice was delivered, and the deadline.

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: 9 CAR §§ 40-313, 40-1003 (2026); Ark. Code § 6-18-513; U.S. Const. amend. IV.

CAUTION: These rules do not prevent lawful investigation or emergency protection. Verify the operative notice and appeal eligibility; this limited-nonconsent letter is NOT a registry appeal. Research draft, not attorney-certified.

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.