PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIMITED NONCONSENT

Request for Written Child Protection Information | CONNECTICUT

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

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

To: Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF) - [Local office / assigned worker]

Re: [Child initials or case/reference number]

To the assigned child-protection worker and supervisor:

I recognize DCF's statutory duty to investigate accepted reports. This notice records my decisions about voluntary activities involving me and asks for written clarification of the authority for any required action.

NOTICE CONCERNING VOLUNTARY CONSENT

I do not grant blanket advance consent to voluntary interviews of me, consensual nonemergency home entry or searches, optional adult testing or evaluations, blanket release of my confidential records, or proposed voluntary services or safety plans. Please explain each request individually, identify its purpose and any consequences of declining, and allow me to consult legal counsel. I do not ask anyone to obstruct a lawful investigation, child interview, emergency action, or court order.

IMPORTANT STATE-SPECIFIC LIMITS

- Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17a-101h ordinarily requires parent/guardian consent to a child interview, except where DCF has reason to believe the parent, responsible adult or household member committed the alleged maltreatment, or asking permission would create an imminent risk of physical harm.
- If parental consent is not required, § 17a-101h ordinarily requires a DISINTERESTED ADULT at the interview; an immediate danger/no-available-adult exception applies after a reasonable search. A separate substantiation/registry review is governed by DCF rules under § 17a-101k.

• SUBSTANTIATION/REGISTRY APPEALS: Under Conn. Agencies Regs. § 17a-101k-4, eligible persons generally request INTERNAL REVIEW in writing to the DCF investigating office/unit within 30 DAYS OF THE DATE on the initial notice letter. If review upholds the finding, a separate ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING request generally is due within 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT of that decision (§ 17a-101k-6). If DCF misses its internal-review deadline, a special hearing route may apply. THIS LETTER FILES NEITHER REQUEST.

PLEASE PROVIDE IN WRITING

- Assigned worker and supervisor names, official contacts, reference number, disclosable allegations, and whether DCF is investigating or providing another response.
- For each proposed entry, interview, test, examination, records release or safety plan, the purpose, consent basis and claimed court/statutory authority.
- Written substantiation/registry decisions and the actual internal-review and hearing request forms/deadlines; dates of letters and receipt; records access and DCF complaint procedures.

Please place this notice in the appropriate agency case record and confirm receipt. Send routine correspondence in writing using the contact information above; urgent child-safety issues may be communicated promptly through lawful channels.

Sincerely: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

LEGAL REFERENCES: Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 17a-101g, 17a-101h, 17a-101k; Conn. Agencies Regs. §§ 17a-101k-2, -4, -5, -6.

CAUTION: Not every DCF decision has the same review route. This letter does NOT request internal review or a hearing, stay agency action or stop authorized child interviews. Check the dated decision letter. 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.