PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIMITED NONCONSENT

Request for Written Child Protection Information | DELAWARE

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

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

To: Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families, Division of Family Services (DFS) - [Local office / assigned worker]

Re: [Child initials or case/reference number]

To the assigned child-protection worker and supervisor:

Delaware's child protection statutes provide for investigation and family-assessment responses. Please identify which pathway applies, document my voluntary-consent choices and describe any action the agency asserts is mandatory.

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

- 16 Del. C. § 906(e)(9) provides that if a family refuses or avoids offered voluntary services in the family assessment and services pathway, DFS may refer the matter for investigation or terminate services. Refusal does not guarantee case closure.
- Under 16 Del. C. § 906(e)(7), DFS may authorize a child medical examination without parental consent only in the specified investigation category with prior director/designee approval and a necessary child-health/safety finding. Section 910—not § 911—governs petitions for Family Court orders compelling access, appearances, certain plan compliance, or evaluations, with statutory notice and proof requirements.

PLEASE PROVIDE IN WRITING

- Worker/supervisor contact details, report number, the current response pathway, and allegations that may legally be disclosed.
- For any requested entry, child interview or examination, test, records release or safety plan, identify whether consent is requested or authority exists independently; if seeking a § 910 order, provide legally required notice and any court paperwork.
- Available findings, confidentiality-limited records procedures under § 912, complaint channels, and exact appeal rights, eligibility and filing instructions applicable to the actual agency action.

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: 16 Del. C. §§ 906(e)(7), (9)-(10), 910, 912; U.S. Const. amend. IV.

REVIEW HOLD: Section 910 permits certain judicial orders but is not a blanket authorization for warrantless home entry. Eligible indigent parents may seek appointed counsel for petitions under § 910(a)(4). Appeals require separate verification.

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.