PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIMITED NONCONSENT

Request for Written Child Protection Information | FLORIDA

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

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

To: Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), Child Protective Investigations - [Assigned worker or local office]

Re: [Child initials or case / assessment number]

To the assigned caseworker and supervisor:

I understand that Florida Statutes § 39.301 authorizes protective investigations. Please document my decisions about voluntary consent and provide the information required at the start of an investigation.

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I withhold blanket advance consent to voluntary adult interviews, consensual nonemergency entry, optional evaluations/testing, releases of my confidential records, and proposed voluntary safety plans. Please explain each request individually. This notice does not override a court order, independent child-access authority, emergency action or specific reporting duties under Florida law.

IMPORTANT STATE-SPECIFIC RULES

- Under Fla. Stat. § 39.301(5)(a)-(b), the investigator must identify staff and purpose, explain counsel and potential uses of statements, describe possible outcomes, and explain parents' options for audio/video recording of interviews. An option to record does not mean every interview is automatically recorded.
- A parent/legal custodian must report any change in the child's residence or location until the investigation closes. The parent must immediately disclose qualifying preexisting diagnoses under § 39.303(4) and provide the treating/diagnosing professional's name and contact information within 10 days after being told of that duty (§ 39.301(5)(a)6-7).
- A school employee known to the child may be present at an INITIAL school interview only if the agency believes the presence could help AND the child requests or consents; this is not a parent-controlled veto or a guarantee that staff will attend (§ 39.301(18)).

PLEASE PROVIDE IN WRITING

- Investigator identification, supervisor/contact details, investigation number, lawful allegation summary, and full § 39.301(5) rights-and-duties explanation, including how recording opportunities work.
- Any proposed home assessment, service or safety plan, medical information request and the legal authority if participation is represented as mandatory.
- At investigation closure, provide the findings summary, how to request legally releasable records, and instructions for DCF's internal review of a VERIFIED finding, if eligible. Current DCF guidance limits this review to a named responsible caregiver and excludes specified pending dependency or related criminal proceedings. Identify the current request procedure and any actual deadline; none is stated on DCF's public information page.

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: Fla. Stat. §§ 39.301(5), (9), (18), 39.202; § 39.303(4); Florida DCF Child Protective Services public guidance (2026); Fourth Amendment.

CAUTION: This notice does not suspend statutory reporting duties, lawful interviews, court orders or emergencies. A verified-finding internal review is not an automatic appeal of every investigation result. Ask DCF promptly for the applicable procedure. Research draft; not attorney-certified legal advice.

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.