PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIMITED NONCONSENT

Request for Written Child Protection Information | LOUISIANA

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

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

To: Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Child Welfare — [Office / worker]

Re: [Child initials / reference number]

To the child protection investigator and supervisor:

Louisiana Children's Code Article 612 authorizes child-protection investigations and establishes cooperation duties. This notice addresses requests for voluntary consent only; it does not nullify statutory duties or a valid judicial order.

NOTICE REGARDING VOLUNTARY CONSENT

I do not provide blanket advance consent to consensual nonemergency home entry, unrelated private-record releases, optional adult testing, or voluntary services without an individualized explanation. I request clarification before interviews or agreements, while recognizing Article 612(B), applicable privilege protections, authorized child interviews, emergencies, and court orders. Please identify any action legally required and allow consultation with counsel where practicable.

STATE-SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS AND RIGHTS

- RECORDING RULE AS OF NOV. 2, 2026: Article 612(C) still requires recording investigative interviews of a child or parents WHEN THE PARENT REQUESTS IT. I hereby request recording of any qualifying interviews of me or my child. Act 960 of 2026 will broaden this rule to all child-protection interviews, but that amendment takes effect JAN. 1, 2027; it is not yet the current blanket recording law.
- Article 612(B) contains investigative-cooperation duties and exceptions for specified privileged communications; Article 612(A) restricts school personnel from denying qualifying investigator access. This letter does not override these laws. Ask counsel about the scope of any proposed order, interview, or records request.

PLEASE PROVIDE IN WRITING

- The worker's and supervisor's business contacts, case/reference number, risk/response category, and allegations that may lawfully be disclosed.
- Confirm how my requested interview recording will be made under the presently effective Article 612(C); identify the authority for required home access, examinations, records requests or court-ordered services. Please explain how lawfully releasable interview recordings may be requested.
- Provide findings and appeal instructions. DCFS says a person notified as responsible for a qualifying SUBSTANTIATED finding ordinarily has 20 days from the written notice DATE to request a DAL administrative appeal; designated employment-related expedited appeals require a request within 10 days. Requests go to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL), NOT DCFS: adminlaw.state.la.us, P.O. Box 44033, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, or fax 225-219-9820. Verify eligibility and filing receipt rules immediately.

Please place this notice in the agency record and acknowledge receipt. Routine, nonurgent requests may be delivered in writing; urgent child-safety concerns can be communicated promptly.

Parent / guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

LEGAL REFERENCES: La. Ch.C. art. 612(A)-(D), 614-615; La. Act 960 (2026), §13(A) (Art. 612 amendment effective Jan. 1, 2027); DCFS administrative appeals guidance.

CAUTION: This document IS NOT an appeal, a refusal of statutory cooperation, or an order to halt investigation. For November 2026 use the parent-request recording rule, not the not-yet-effective 2027 mandate. Protect any 10- or 20-day DAL appeal deadline. General legal research only; no lawyer signoff.

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.