PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIMITED NONCONSENT | NEW JERSEY

Date: [Date] | Parent/guardian: [Full legal name] | Mailing address: [Street, city, state ZIP]

To: New Jersey DCF — Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P), [Office / worker] | Email/phone (optional): [Contact]

Re: [Child initials / investigation or case number]

To the assigned child protection worker and supervisor:

I am the parent/legal guardian identified above. I recognize CP&P's legal responsibility to investigate reports of suspected child abuse or neglect. Please document my choices concerning voluntary participation separately from any action that is legally required.

NOTICE CONCERNING VOLUNTARY CONSENT

At this time, I do not provide blanket advance consent to voluntary questioning of me, consensual nonemergency entry into my home, optional testing or evaluations, releases of private records, or voluntary services and safety agreements. Please describe each request individually, whether it is optional, the asserted legal authority if mandatory, and the possible consequences of declining. I request an opportunity to consult legal counsel before deciding. This does not revoke a valid existing agreement or order.

N.J.A.C. 3A:10-7.1 generally requires notice to the investigated child's parent as soon as possible AFTER interviewing or observing the child or siblings. Notice can be delayed when specified legal officials determine it would impede an investigation or litigation, and institutional collateral-child interviews have separate notice rules. This letter does not prevent lawful action.

PLEASE PROVIDE IN WRITING

1. The CP&P Parents' Handbook and current parent-rights, complaint and dispute-resolution materials.
2. The assigned investigator's and supervisor's names, business telephone numbers and case/reference number.
3. The nature of the allegations and reasons for involvement to the extent disclosure is legally permitted, including any applicable limits on or delays in notification.
4. Copies of proposed services, safety plans, testing, evaluations or records releases, identifying what is voluntary versus mandated by specific lawful authority.
5. Any finding or action notice, releasable-records procedures and specific instructions for any appeal under N.J.A.C. 3A:5, including whether the action qualifies, request destination, deadline and hearing/review type.

Please send routine, nonurgent communications to the address above; contact me promptly for urgent child-safety concerns if a phone is supplied. Please place this notice in the case record and confirm receipt in writing.

I recognize that the agency may continue a lawful investigation, seek judicial authority, and take legally authorized emergency action. This notice does not authorize obstruction or disregard of a court order. I reserve applicable rights.

Signature: _____ **Printed name:** _____

NEW JERSEY REVIEW: N.J.A.C. 3A:5-2.5 generally allows a person eligible under §§ 3A:5-3.1 or -4.3 to request the applicable review within 20 DAYS of notice (or learning of an action not noticed). A written request expressing intent to challenge the action can qualify when filed as the notice directs; certain uncontrollable delays may be excused. Verify eligibility and filing details immediately.

Legal references: N.J.A.C. 3A:10-7.1 to -7.3; 3A:5-2.5; N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.11, 30:4C-11 and -12.

GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY: This is not a filing for appeal, not legal advice and not attorney-certified. Individual case orders, exceptions and deadlines control.

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.