PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIMITED NONCONSENT

Request for Written Child Protection Information | OHIO

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

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

To: Ohio [County] Public Children Services Agency (PCSA)

Re: [Child initials / investigation reference]

To the assigned child protection worker and supervisor:

I recognize the PCSA must assess accepted reports. I request the county-specific policies and that each discretionary consent request be explained separately.

LIMITED CONSENT DECISIONS

I do not give blanket advance consent to voluntary adult interviews, consensual nonemergency home entry or search, optional adult testing or evaluations, blanket release of my private records, or voluntary services or safety plans. Please explain each request and its legal basis separately so I can decide after reviewing it and, if needed, consulting counsel. This statement does not override a court order, independently authorized child interview, lawful investigation or emergency intervention.

STATE-SPECIFIC RIGHTS, EXCEPTIONS, AND DEADLINES

- OAC 5180:2-33-20 requires a written county PCSA complaint and report-disposition appeal policy. The agency must supply copies WITHIN THREE WORKING DAYS of a request; the rule does NOT establish a single statewide appeal-filing deadline.
- Under OAC 5180:2-36-03(I)–(L), the PCSA generally needs parental consent for an interview of an alleged child victim or another child living at home, unless specified exigent circumstances exist (such as credible immediate danger or intimidation). The agency must document its reasons and attempt same-day parent notification after an interview without consent.
- The PCSA must disclose report information to the parent or guardian at initial contact and allegations to the alleged perpetrator at first contact, subject to legal limits. The agency may seek legal or court assistance if access to the child or necessary records is refused. This letter does not obstruct lawful protective action.

PLEASE PROVIDE IN WRITING

- The county complaint and disposition-appeal policies under OAC 5180:2-33-20(C), within three working days; include the local appeal deadline, method of filing and reviewer.
- Name/business contact of worker and supervisor, allegations to extent permitted, reference number and any applicable parent guidance.
- Any child-interview authority and exigent-circumstance documentation to the extent legally releasable; the outcome notice, records-request process and court-order basis for any compulsory action.

Please include this notice in the case file and confirm receipt. I request routine nonurgent correspondence in writing. For urgent child-safety concerns, please contact me promptly through an appropriate available method.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

LEGAL REFERENCES: Ohio Rev. Code § 2151.421; OAC 5180:2-33-20(A)–(H), 5180:2-36-03(I)–(L), (N), (O), (X).

LIMITATION / REVIEW HOLD: Rule 5180:2-36-03 addresses INTRA-FAMILIAL investigations; other report categories have distinct rules. Follow the written COUNTY appeal policy. Working research draft; no attorney sign-off.

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.