PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIMITED NONCONSENT

Request for Written Child Welfare Information | TEXAS

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

Address: [Mailing address] Email / phone (optional): [Contact details]

To: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), Child Protective Investigations — [Local office / assigned worker]

Re: [Child(ren) initials or case / assessment number]

To the assigned worker and supervisor:

I am the parent/legal guardian identified above. I understand DFPS may investigate suspected abuse or neglect under Texas Family Code Chapter 261. Please accurately record my consent decisions and provide the written/verbal rights notices required when applicable.

NOTICE CONCERNING VOLUNTARY CONSENT

At this time I do not provide blanket advance consent to an interview of me without a chance to consult counsel, nonemergency entry to my home, optional testing or evaluations, voluntary release of private records, or a proposed voluntary safety plan. I do not provide blanket parental consent to child interviews; each request should be explained individually. This does not override a valid court order, applicable child-interview law, or an emergency exception.

PLEASE PROVIDE IN WRITING

- The rights summary and explanation required by Tex. Fam. Code § 261.307, along with the official investigative guide and the acknowledgment form if any acknowledgment was actually signed.
- Investigator and supervisor contacts, case/reference number, allegations lawfully disclosable, and any claimed legal authority for mandatory interviews, exams, home visits or record access.
- Case outcome, legally available records access, and precise instructions for an Administrative Review of Investigative Finding (ARIF) or subsequent review if I am eligible.

APPEAL DEADLINES MUST BE SEPARATED

- 40 Tex. Admin. Code § 707.505(b) requires an eligible designated perpetrator to request the initial ARIF IN WRITING within 45 days AFTER RECEIVING the findings notice. A prior court ruling consistent with that finding may bar ARIF. DFPS also described a 45-day second-level appeal window after an upheld result in its September 2026 legislative briefing; confirm the distinct second-stage procedure in the actual notice.
- The same DFPS briefing states that producing requested redacted investigative records takes 45 BUSINESS DAYS from the records request. That is a separate records-production time, not a deadline extension or substitute for an appeal request.

Please place this notice in the relevant agency record, confirm receipt in writing, and direct nonurgent correspondence to the contact information above. I reserve my rights while recognizing lawful child-protection authority.

Sincerely, _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

LEGAL REFERENCES: Tex. Fam. Code §§ 261.302, 261.303, 261.307, 261.3071; 40 Tex. Admin. Code § 707.505; DFPS House Committee due-process briefing (Sept. 2026), p. 30.

IMPORTANT: ARIF rights concern certain designated perpetrator findings, not every parent or investigation disposition. This letter is NOT a completed ARIF appeal request; follow the particular notice and consult Texas counsel.

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.