PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIMITED NONCONSENT

Request for Written Child Protection Information | WASHINGTON

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

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

To: Washington Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), Child Protective Services

Re: [Child initials / investigation reference]

To the assigned child protection worker and supervisor:

I understand DCYF may assign reports to either an investigation or Family Assessment Response (FAR). I request the assigned track and any voluntary-services choices be documented.

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

- RCW 26.44.030(12)(b)(iv) requires a full investigation if a family refuses the INITIAL family assessment. That differs from declining voluntary services after the initial assessment.
- If a family declines POST-ASSESSMENT voluntary services, RCW 26.44.030(12)(b)(v) requires FAR closure when the statute's risk/safety and report-history conditions are met. New information can warrant a change to investigation.
- RCW 26.44.030(15) permits qualifying child interviews at school or elsewhere. In FAR, seeking parental permission first is preferred unless doing so compromises safety/integrity; for investigations, parental notice must be given at the earliest safe point. Staff should consider the child's wishes about a third party.

PLEASE PROVIDE IN WRITING

- The assigned track (FAR or investigation), case number, worker/supervisor contacts and legally releasable allegation summary.
- Written explanation of the initial FAR, any already-completed safety assessment, requested voluntary services, and factual basis asserted for reassignment.
- If a founded finding is issued against me, the finding notice and instructions to seek written AGENCY REVIEW within 30 calendar days after receiving the founded-finding notice. If it stays founded after review, provide instructions for a separate hearing request within 30 calendar days after RECEIPT of the review determination (RCW 26.44.125; WAC 110-30-0230).

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: RCW 26.44.030(12), (15); RCW 26.44.125; WAC 110-30-0230. Deadline wording follows the individual notice and agency rules.

LIMITATION / LEGAL REVIEW HOLD: Refusing the initial family assessment is not equivalent to declining post-assessment voluntary services. Informational working draft; not individualized legal advice or attorney-certified.

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.