

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
JUVENILE DIVISION
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO**

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NUMBER(S):

Alleged _____
Child(ren).

ADVISEMENT OF RIGHTS ON AN ABUSE, NEGLECT, DEPENDENCY COMPLAINT
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1. You have the right to be represented by an attorney in all proceedings.
2. You have the right to have an attorney appointed to represent you at public expense if your income does not exceed established guidelines. Please fill out a separate form titled "Financial Disclosure Form" on the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court's website or at the Clerk's Office on the 2nd floor of the Juvenile Justice Center. A \$25.00 fee may be assessed for the application.
3. You have a right to obtain an attorney at any stage of the proceedings, and to have granted a reasonable continuance to secure an attorney; if you fail to secure an attorney in a timely manner and thereby cause unnecessary delay of the proceedings, the Court may proceed without an attorney present.
4. A Guardian *ad Litem* shall be appointed for the child(ren).
5. You have the right to deny the allegations and have a trial in this matter.
6. You have the right to offer evidence, to call witnesses at trial, and testify on your own behalf.
7. The Abuse, Neglect, or Dependency allegations must be proven by clear and convincing evidence at trial.
8. You have the right to, upon written request, have the hearings recorded at public expense if your income does not exceed established guidelines. Adjudicatory and dispositional hearings, as well as permanent custody hearings and hearings before Magistrates, will be digitally recorded.
9. If your case is heard by a Magistrate, you have the right to file written objections to the Magistrate's Decision within fourteen (14) days after the hearing.

If the allegations of the complaint are not proven by clear and convincing evidence at trial, the complaint shall be dismissed. If you ADMIT to the allegations of the complaint, or if having DENIED, the allegations are proven by clear and convincing evidence at trial, the Court may place the child(ren) outside of the home with an additional order of child support payments, medical care, or other necessities.

**THIS FORM IS FOR THE FILING OF WRITTEN DENIALS
ADMISSIONS WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED DURING A COURT HEARING**

Please initial next to the following:

____ I have received a copy of the complaint.

____ I understand the allegations contained in the complaint.

____ I understand the purpose and possible outcomes of the hearings.

____ I understand that if I am unable to appear for a Court hearing, I am to file a written request for a continuance.

WRITTEN DENIAL AND REQUEST FOR PRETRIAL HEARING

I, _____, am entering a written DENIAL to the allegations contained in the complaint and I request that this matter be set for pretrial hearing.

PARENT/GUARDIAN DATE

ATTORNEY DATE

GUARDIAN AD LITEM DATE

Please provide the following information:

_____ 'S ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

_____ 'S ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

_____ 'S PHONE NUMBER

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