

Family Participation Agreement

This is an agreement between Children's Administration (CA) and the _____ family.

I understand that there has been a report about my child's safety that requires a Child Protective Services (CPS) response.

My CA case worker explained the difference between a Family Assessment Response (FAR) and an investigation, and gave me a copy of the FAR brochure.

I have the choice to participate in FAR or an investigation, and I make the following choice:

I agree to participate in the FAR pathway. I understand that this means CA will not make a decision about whether my child was abused or neglected. I also understand that records of my participation in the FAR pathway will only be shared with providers outside DSHS if I agree to release this information, or if I apply to become a licensed foster or adoptive parent.

OR

I do not agree to participate in the FAR pathway. I understand this means my case will be assigned for an investigation. I understand that CA will decide whether I abused or neglected my child. I also understand that DSHS may share information about this investigation with others if I agree to release it, if I seek approval to care for children or vulnerable adults, or if the law requires it to be released.

I understand CA has contracted with an outside evaluator to assess the FAR pathway, and that part of the evaluation includes a voluntary parent satisfaction survey.

Children's Administration may share my contact information with this contractor for a satisfaction survey.

Yes No

PARENT / CAREGIVER'S SIGNATURE	DATE	TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)
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CASEWORKER'S SIGNATURE	DATE	TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

Original to case worker; Copy to parent