



ACKNOWLEDGMENT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BY THE TARRANT COUNTY DOMESTIC RELATIONS OFFICE

Your Name: _____ Cause No. _____

Child(ren)'s Names: _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that all services provided by the Tarrant County Domestic Relations Office (DRO) are ordered by the Court to assist in determining the best interests of the child or children.

I understand that, in performing these services, DRO caseworkers may consult with individuals or agencies believed to possess relevant information regarding me, my children, or other parties to the litigation. These contacts may include, but are not limited to, mental health professionals, medical providers, teachers, childcare personnel, governmental entities, other professionals, friends, family members, neighbors, and clergy. Caseworkers may also consult with outside agencies, confer with collateral contacts, testify in court, and prepare reports based on information obtained during the course of the investigation.

I acknowledge that the DRO may request and review records and information concerning, without limitation, medical, psychological, counseling, social history, personal data, criminal history, educational records, and other relevant materials. I further understand that such information may include confidential, sensitive, privileged, or hearsay material, including matters involving alcohol or chemical dependency, use of illegal substances, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV testing, AIDS-related information, psychiatric diagnoses or treatment, medical or criminal records, counseling or therapy records, child abuse or neglect investigations, and educational records.

I understand that this authorization does not permit the DRO to directly duplicate, distribute, or disseminate third-party records (records not generated by the DRO) or my personal identifying information. However, I acknowledge that the DRO may disclose or report its professional impressions, findings, summaries, or testimony based on its review of such materials.

I further understand that any written report prepared by the DRO will be provided to the Court, to attorneys of record (including my attorney, opposing counsel, and any appointed amicus attorney), and to any self-represented party, unless prohibited by law and that distribution or sharing of that report in whole or part is expressly prohibited.

I acknowledge that information obtained during the investigation may become part of the public record.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

Audiovisual Interviews of Subject Children: Pursuant to Texas Family Code § 107.112(b-1), the DRO creates audiovisual recordings of each interview with subject children during custody evaluations. These recordings are confidential in nature and only subject to review by the Court.