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New Jersey Judiciary
Voluntary Stipulation and Admission
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4C-12

Defendant's Name: _____ County: _____
Defendant's Attorney: _____ Docket Number: _____
Judge: _____

Name(s) of Child(ren): _____ Date of birth: _____ Name of other parent: _____

Answer Each Question Completely

1. Defendant's Background Information
Address: _____
Date of birth: _____
How many years of school did you complete? _____
Do you need an interpreter? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, language: _____
Do you need accommodation for a disability? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, describe: _____
2. a. Is the child(ren) a member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe? ☐ Yes ☐ No
OR
b. Is the child(ren) eligible for membership in a federally recognized American Indian tribe and the biological child(ren) of a member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Is it your intent to enter into a stipulation and admission that the child(ren) are in need of services to ensure his/her/their health or safety? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Are you entering into the stipulation (an agreement) and admission willingly, knowingly, and voluntarily? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Did anyone force, threaten, or pressure you into making this decision? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Did anyone offer or promise you anything to convince you to make this decision? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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7. Are you currently under the influence of drugs, alcohol or prescription medication which could affect your ability to make a clear decision? ☐ Yes ☐ No
8. Are you suffering from any mental or physical disability which could affect your judgment? ☐ Yes ☐ No
9. Do you understand that you have a right to a hearing in this case? ☐ Yes ☐ No
10. Do you understand that by agreeing to enter into a stipulation and admission, you give up your right to a fact-finding hearing (also known as a trial)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
11. Do you understand that at a hearing, the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (the Division) must prove its case by a preponderance of the evidence? ☐ Yes ☐ No
12. If you are giving up your right to such a hearing, are you giving up your right to hearing of your own free will? ☐ Yes ☐ No
13. Do you understand that if there were a hearing, a judge would determine what evidence would be admitted? ☐ Yes ☐ No
14. Do you understand that, through your attorney at a hearing, you have the right to challenge the evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and present evidence and witnesses including your own testimony? ☐ Yes ☐ No
15. Do you understand that if at a hearing you choose not to testify, the Division still has the burden of proving that the child(ren) should be made a ward(s) of the court? ☐ Yes ☐ No
16. Do you understand that if the court determines that the child(ren) be made or remain a ward(s) of the court, the Division will be required to provide appropriate services to protect the child(ren) and to assist you and your family? ☐ Yes ☐ No
17. Do you understand that as a result of your stipulation and admission and the court's finding based on that stipulation and admission, the court will continue to hear this matter, and you must comply with court orders? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- a. Do you understand that, in care and supervision cases where the child(ren) are at home, if you fail to comply with any court orders, the division might seek the removal of the child(ren)? ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b. Do you understand that, in a case where the division has custody of the child(ren), the child(ren) might remain in the Division's custody? ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No
18. In a case where the Division has custody of the child(ren), do you understand that if you do not comply with court orders or it is not safe to return the child(ren) home within one year from the date of placement, the Division may seek a permanent plan such as termination of parental rights followed by adoption, kinship legal guardianship or custody to another parent or relative? ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No
19. If the Division has determined that child abuse and/or neglect allegations against you are "established," do you understand that you ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No

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are giving up your right through the administrative process to challenge the retention of your record with the Division?

20. Have you had enough time to speak with your lawyer about this stipulation and admission? ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No
21. Has your lawyer answered all of your questions about this stipulation and admission? ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No
22. Are you satisfied with the services of your lawyer on this stipulation and admission? ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No
23. Do you have any questions about this stipulation and admission? ☐ Yes ☐ No
24. Do you understand that this form will be submitted to the court to memorialize your voluntary decision to stipulate and admit that the child(ren) should be made a ward or wards of the court? ☐ Yes ☐ No
25. Do you understand that, as a result of your stipulation and admission and the court's finding based on that stipulation and admission, the court will be making a finding under a section of the law, *N.J.S.A. 30:4C-12*, that relates to the facts to which you admitted? ☐ Yes ☐ No
26. Do you understand that if the court does not accept your stipulation and admission, that anything you say here today cannot be used against you in this case? ☐ Yes ☐ No
27. Are you now prepared to provide the court with a factual basis for your stipulation and admission as defined by *N.J.S.A. 30:4C-12*? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date Defendant

Date Defense Attorney

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