

Child Welfare Mediation Program
Superior Court of New Jersey - _____ County

Confidentiality Agreement

Case Name: _____ **Case Number:** _____

Mediator(s): _____

Mediation is a private and confidential process to help resolve issues with the assistance of a neutral, trained mediator. To ensure the confidentiality of the mediation process, we agree all oral and written communications in mediation are confidential. No reports regarding the content of the mediation are to be produced by any party to the mediation.

We understand that New Jersey law contains certain exceptions to this confidentiality. Any **new allegations** of abuse or neglect that are made known *during the mediation* must be reported to the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (Division). If information concerning **serious threatened harm** to anyone is revealed during the mediation, the appropriate authorities or the potential victim may be notified.

Also, we understand that if information discussed during the mediation is learned from another source (i.e. a person outside the mediation), it can be admitted as evidence in court.

We understand that the mediator **may not** participate in any subsequent hearing or trial of the mediated matter or appear as a witness for any person in this case.

We acknowledge that the final agreement that results from the mediation is to be recorded after the mediation session. We understand and agree that this written agreement will become part of the court record of the case through a court order that will be enforced by the judge.

Each of us has read and reviewed this confidentiality agreement, and each of us understands it. We understand this agreement binds each person attending the mediation and agree to participate in this mediation conference.

Parent/Caretaker/Resource Family

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Deputy Attorney General

Date

Division Supervisor

Date

Division Caseworker

Date

Other Division Representative

Date

Attorney for Parent/Caretaker

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Attorney for Parent/Caretaker

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Attorney for Parent/Caretaker

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Law Guardian

Date

Court Appointed Special Advocate

Date

Mediator

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Other

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