



State of Florida
Department of Children and Families

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Authorization for Release of Records

Child's Name:	Date:
DOB:	SS#"
Parent's or Caregiver Name:	DCF #

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is currently investigating allegation of possible maltreatment of the above named child.

The HIPPA Privacy Regulation at 45CFR 164.512(b)(1)(ii) provides that:

A covered entity may disclose protected health information for the public health activities and purposes described in this paragraph to a public health authority or other appropriate government authority authorized by law to receive reports on child abuse or neglect.

Florida law authorizes and requires the release of certain information to the Department when there is an investigation of abuse, abandonment, neglect, or exploitation.

According to Florida Statute 39.0014:

All state, county and local agencies **shall** cooperate, assist, and provide information to the Department as will enable it to fulfill its responsibilities under this chapter; and

Florida Statue 39.301(6) requires and authorizes the Department to conduct a "face to face" interview with the child that is the subject of an investigation.

According to Florida Statute 39.304(3):

Any facility licensed under chapter 395 **shall** provide to the Department, its agent, or a child protection team that contracts with the Department any photograph or report on examination made or X-rays taken in pursuant to this section, or copies thereof, for the purpose of investigation or assessment or cases of abuse, abandonment, neglect or exploitation of children.

The Department is attempting to complete an investigation in order to determine the need for the protection of the health and/or safety of a child or other individuals. Your expedient response to this request will be greatly appreciated.

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