

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF _____

DISTRICT COURT
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CASE TYPE: JUVENILE PROTECTION
COURT FILE NUMBER: _____

In the Matter of the Welfare of the
Child(ren) of:

_____, Mother,
and, _____
[Father] [Adjudicated Father]

**SOCIAL SERVICES NOTICE TO
CHILD AGE 10 OR OLDER
OF RIGHT TO LAWYER AND
RIGHT TO GO TO COURT**

This form is accessible to the public, unless it contains the signature of a child that is confidential under [Juv. Prot. Rule 8.04, subd. 2\(n\)](#). If a confidential signature is included, then this form is confidential and must be accompanied by a [Confidential Document Cover Sheet Form 11.3](#). The Confidential Coversheet shall be accessible to the public, but the document referenced in the Cover Sheet shall not be accessible to the public except by court order.

Child's Name _____ and Date of Birth _____

You are getting this notice because you are a child age 10 or older who has special rights because your family is involved in a child protection case.

Child's Right to a Lawyer

1. You can have a lawyer if you want one. A lawyer is someone who works only for you and tells the judge what you want the judge to know.
2. You won't have to pay for the lawyer.
3. Anything you say or write in private to your lawyer will stay private. This means the lawyer cannot tell the judge or anyone else about what you said or wrote, unless you tell your lawyer it's okay to tell the judge or others or unless the lawyer is required by law to tell the judge.
4. If you tell me you want a lawyer, I will tell the judge so the judge can get a lawyer for you.
5. If you are not sure about whether or not you want a lawyer, you will get to talk with a lawyer to find out more. After you meet with the lawyer, you can decide if you want a lawyer or not.

Child's Right to go to Court

6. There will be meetings in court where the judge, lawyers, social worker, guardian ad litem and others will talk about what is happening in your case and what is happening with you and your family.
7. You can go to court to tell the judge what you want to happen.
8. If you don't want to go to court, you can let the judge know what you want to happen by writing a letter to the judge or by telling your social worker, guardian ad litem, or lawyer (if you have one), so they can tell the judge for you.

Child's Signature

By signing this form I am telling the judge either that I have read this form or the social worker has been read to me.

Signature of child: _____ Date: _____

Social Worker's Signature

By signing this form and filing it with the court, I am telling the judge that I have informed the child of the child's rights under McKenna's Law, Minn. Stat. 260C.163, subd. 3, as contained in this form.

- The child wants a lawyer.
- The child is not sure if the child wants a lawyer at this time and the child should consult with a lawyer to learn more.
- The child does not want a lawyer at this time.
- The child is not able to understand the rights or to sign this form because _____
- The child does not want to sign this form.
- Other _____

Name of social worker providing notice (print): _____

Signature of social worker: _____ Date: _____