

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CASE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE INTEREST OF:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Minor Child(ren).  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT/ADMISSION TO PETITION FOR  
ADJUDICATION OF DEPENDENCY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent of \_\_\_\_\_  
hereby acknowledge my voluntary consent/admission (*circle one*) to the Petition for Adjudication of Dependency of  
my child(ren) named above. By initialing each paragraph and signing at the bottom, I confirm my understanding of  
this agreement and its consequences.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not under the influence of any drugs, alcohol, or prescription medication that would impair my  
ability to enter a consent today.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not suffer from any mental illness that would impair my ability to enter a consent today.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I have the right to an attorney, and that one will be appointed if I cannot afford one.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have had enough time to speak with my attorney before deciding what to do today.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am fully satisfied with the advice and services of my attorney.

\_\_\_\_\_ No one has promised me anything or threatened me to make me consent to this dependency  
petition today.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that by consenting to this dependency petition I give up the right to an adjudicatory  
hearing in which the State would be required to bring in witnesses to prove the allegations in the  
petition.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that once this Court has jurisdiction, it has authority to enter orders as to the custody  
and placement of my child(ren). The Court can also order me to do certain things such as take part  
in treatment and counseling, have evaluations and follow the recommendations of the evaluators,  
take courses such as parenting skills courses, or pay child support.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that once this Court has jurisdiction, it continues until my child(ren) reaches the age of  
eighteen (18) unless ended earlier by the Court.

\_\_\_\_\_ If the State determines that my child(ren) cannot be returned to a parent, the State may file a petition  
to terminate all parental rights. That would be a new petition. I would be entitled to notice and a  
hearing on that petition. I would also be entitled to have an attorney represent me. An attorney  
would be appointed if I could not afford to hire my own. The State, however, would not have to  
prove the original dependency of my child(ren) which is one element required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney for Parent

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_