

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
JUDICIAL BRANCH
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Court Name: _____

Case Number: _____

IN THE MATTER OF: _____ DOB: _____

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THE EFFECT OF A CONSENT ORDER WITHOUT A FINDING

FOR USE WHEN: Pursuant to RSA 169-C:17, at any time after the filing of a RSA 169-C petition and prior to adjudication, the court may approve a written agreement entered into among or between the parties. Before a consent is approved, the court must inform parents of the consequences of a consent order and determine the parents voluntarily and intelligently consent to the terms and conditions of the order. Each parent present at the adjudicatory hearing shall sign a statement to that effect.

The court's approval of a consent order without a finding in the above RSA 169-C matter alleging that your child(ren) has (have) been abused and/or neglected affects your constitutionally and statutorily protected rights, including your parental rights, as follows:

1. You acknowledge and understand that as a result of the consent decree, the court will award legal supervision, pursuant to RSA 169-C:3, XVIII, to the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), and that your child(ren) will be permitted to remain with you or with another parent under the supervision of DCYF subject to further court order;
2. You acknowledge and understand that the court may order DCYF to complete a social study. You further acknowledge that the court may conduct a dispositional hearing and may issue dispositional orders, pursuant to RSA 169-C:19, and that you will be required to comply with these orders. In addition to the dispositional hearing, you acknowledge and understand that the court may conduct periodic review hearings to review the status of this matter and your compliance to date with the court's orders. You further acknowledge that the court may conduct a final review hearing to determine when this matter should be closed;
3. You acknowledge and understand that if you do not comply with any of the court's orders, or any additional orders included in the consent decree, any party may file a motion with the court for a contempt hearing or the court may, on its own, schedule a contempt hearing. If you are found in contempt by the court, sanctions may be imposed; and
4. You acknowledge and understand that if there are new allegations of abuse and/or neglect against you, DCYF may file another RSA 169-C petition with the court. You further acknowledge and understand that as a result of this new petition, the court may award legal custody, pursuant to RSA 169-C:3, XVII, to DCYF and that DCYF would have the right to temporarily remove your child from your parental care and custody and determine where and with whom your child(ren) will live, including, but not limited to placing your child(ren) in a foster home(s).

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By signing below, you acknowledge that you are informed of the consequences of the consent order. You further represent by signing below that you voluntarily and intelligently consent to the terms and conditions of the consent order dated _____, which is hereby incorporated.

Date

Signature of Parent

Printed Name of Parent

Signature of Parent's Attorney (if applicable)

Printed Name of Parent's Attorney (if applicable)

I have reviewed the content of this form and the consent order dated _____ with the above-named and have informed her/him of the consequences of the consent order. I have also determined that the above-named has voluntarily and intelligently consented to the terms and conditions of the consent order dated _____, which is hereby incorporated.

Recommended:

Date

Signature of Marital Master

Printed Name of Marital Master

So Ordered:

Date

Signature of Judge

Printed Name of Judge