

Minor Consent in Children's Residential Facilities

This sample form is provided as a tool that DHS Licensed Children's Residential Facilities can use when serving minors who are able to consent to receive homeless youth services or services for sexually exploited youth.

Resident name			
Date and time of admission		Date of birth	

Legal Authority for Admission (select one)

The following list identifies various ways in which a youth can be admitted to a children's residential facility, including when the legal authority for a minor's placement is by their own consent. Select one:

	Parent/guardian
	Resident is over age 18
	Minor consent
	Minor meets the homeless youth definition and is living separately from their parent or legal guardian
	Minor meets the sexually exploited youth definition and is living separately from their parent or legal guardian
	Out of home placement
	County social services
	Law enforcement hold
	Court order

Runaway Youth

If the answer is yes to **one** of the following questions, the minor is a runaway and the license holder must attempt to notify the youth's parent or guardian within 72 hours of admission, unless compelling reasons exist not to disclose their location. Note that notification is not the same as consent; the youth may still consent to their own services if they meet the criteria above.

Have you been reported as a runaway?
Yes No
Are you unmarried and away from home or other lawful placement ¹ without the consent of your parent, guardian, or other lawful custodian?
Yes No

¹Lawful placement could include the youth's foster home, a shelter, group home, residential treatment program, etc.

Runaway Youth Notification

Date and time of parent/guardian notification	
Name of parent/guardian notified	
Name and signature of staff who notified	
If not notified, what is the applicable "compelling reason" for not notifying the parent/guardian? Compelling reasons may include circumstances in which the runaway is or has been exposed to domestic violence or a victim of abuse, neglect or abandonment.	

Mandated reporters must [immediately report](#) information to the local welfare agency when they know or have reason to believe that a child is being maltreated, or has been maltreated within the preceding three years.

When applicable, document the date a maltreatment report was made regarding abuse, neglect or abandonment:	
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Parent or Guardian Involvement

If a minor is living separately from their parent or legal guardian and consented to homeless youth services or services for sexually exploited youth, their ability to consent to the services does not impact the parent or legal guardian's custody of the minor.

Discuss with the youth if they want their parent/guardian to receive information about the youth's rights, communication about progress made while in the program, etc.

Does your parent/guardian know you are here?	
Who do you want involved with your care while in the program?	
What information do you want us to share with your parent/guardian?	