



New Jersey Judiciary
Voluntary Stipulation and Admission
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4C-12

Defendant's Name: _____ County: _____
 Defendant's Attorney: _____ Docket Number: _____
 Judge: _____

Name(s) of Child(ren):	DOB:	Name of other parent:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Answer Each Question Completely

1. Defendant's Background Information

Address: _____

Date of birth: _____

How many years of school did you complete? _____

Do you need an interpreter? Yes No

If yes, language: _____

Do you need accommodation for a disability? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

2. a. Is the child(ren) a member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe? Yes No
 OR

b. Is the child(ren) eligible for membership in a federally recognized American Indian tribe and the biological child(ren) of a member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe? Yes No

3. Is it your intent to enter into a stipulation and admission that the child(ren) are in need of services to ensure his/her/their health or safety? Yes No

4. Are you entering into the stipulation (an agreement) and admission willingly, knowingly, and voluntarily? Yes No

5. Did anyone force, threaten, or pressure you into making this decision? Yes No

6. Did anyone offer or promise you anything to convince you to make this decision? Yes No

7. Are you currently under the influence of drugs, alcohol or prescription medication which could affect your ability to make a clear decision? Yes No

8. Are you suffering from any mental or physical disability which could affect your judgment? Yes No

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9. Do you understand that you have a right to a hearing in this case? Yes No
10. Do you understand that by agreeing to enter into a stipulation and admission, you give up your right to a hearing? Yes No
11. Do you understand that at a hearing, the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (Division) must prove its case by a preponderance of the evidence? Yes No
12. If you are giving up your right to such a hearing, are you giving up your right to hearing of your own free will? Yes No
13. Do you understand that if there were a hearing, a judge would determine what evidence would be admitted? Yes No
14. Do you understand that, through your attorney at a hearing, you have the right to challenge the evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and present evidence and witnesses including your own testimony? Yes No
15. Do you understand that if at a hearing you choose not to testify, the Division still has the burden of proving that the child(ren) should be made a ward(s) of the court? Yes No
16. Do you understand that if the court determines that the child(ren) be made or remain a ward(s) of the court, the Division will be required to provide appropriate services to protect the child(ren) and to assist you and your family? Yes No
17. Do you understand that as a result of your stipulation and admission and the court's finding based on that stipulation and admission, the court will continue to hear this matter, and you must comply with court orders?
- a. Do you understand that, in care and supervision cases where the child(ren) are at home, if you fail to comply with any court orders, the Division might seek the removal of the child(ren)? N/A Yes No
- b. Do you understand that, in a case where the Division has custody of the child(ren), the child(ren) might remain in the Division's custody? N/A Yes No
18. In a case where the Division has custody of the child(ren), do you understand that if you do not comply with court orders or it is not safe to return the child(ren) home within one year from the date of placement, the Division may seek a permanent plan such as termination of parental rights followed by adoption, kinship legal guardianship or custody to another parent or relative? N/A Yes No
19. If the Division has determined that child abuse and/or neglect allegations against you are "established," do you understand that you are giving up your right through the administrative process to challenge the retention of your record with the Division? N/A Yes No
20. Have you had enough time to speak with your lawyer about this stipulation and admission? N/A Yes No

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21. Has your lawyer answered all of your questions about this stipulation and admission? N/A Yes No
22. Are you satisfied with the services of your lawyer on this stipulation and admission? N/A Yes No
23. Do you have any questions about this stipulation and admission? Yes No
24. Do you understand that this form will be submitted to the court to memorialize your voluntary decision to stipulate and admit that the child(ren) should be made a ward or wards of the court? Yes No
25. Do you understand that, as a result of your stipulation and admission and the court's finding based on that stipulation and admission, the court will be making a finding under a section of the law, *N.J.S.A. 30:4C-12*, that relates to the facts to which you admitted? Yes No
26. Do you understand that if the court does not accept your stipulation and admission, that anything you say here today cannot be used against you in this case? Yes No
27. Are you now prepared to provide the court with a factual basis for your stipulation and admission as defined by *N.J.S.A. 30:4C-12*? Yes No

Date

Defendant

Date

Defense attorney

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Date: _____