

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FORENSIC EVALUATION CENTER

at the Family Court of the City of Philadelphia

1501 Arch Street, 8th Floor ♦ Philadelphia, PA 19102 ♦ tel: (215) 686-8812 ♦ fax: (215) 686-8835

NOTIFICATION OF PURPOSE FOR CERTIFICATION EVALUATION

As a result of a court order I understand I am participating in a certification evaluation. The evaluation will be completed by _____ . Dr. _____ is an Independent Contractor with the Behavioral Health Forensic Evaluation Center (BHFECC), a program serving Philadelphia Family Court. I understand that this evaluation is court ordered. The purpose of the evaluation is to help the court in determining whether I should be tried as a juvenile or an adult in court.

The certification evaluation may consist of the following: an interview with me, my parent(s), guardian(s), and/or caretaker(s), psychological assessment measures, and a review of various materials and records. Records are provided to the BHFECC by parties such as the Court, school district, and Community Behavioral Health (CBH). The doctor may also speak with others related to my court involvement such as my probation officer (PO), the attorney(s) involved, my Department of Human Services (DHS) and/or Community Umbrella Agency (CUA) social worker, other social service professionals, and/or CBH. The doctor may assess my emotional and behavioral functioning, particularly as related to my amenability to treatment and the impact of my behavior on others and the community. The doctor may also assess my intellectual, academic, and daily living skills. I understand the following about this evaluation:

- Because this is a court ordered evaluation, the doctor will need to share information about me in a report. It will not be kept confidential as may be the case if I were seeing a therapist or mental health professional outside of court.
- The evaluator will be conducting an evaluation only and is not a treating doctor who will be providing ongoing therapy or mental health services to me after the evaluation.
- The report written as a result of this evaluation will be given to the Court and related parties which will include probation, DHS/CUA, CBH, PMHCC, and attorneys involved with this case.
- I understand that the doctor may be called to testify in court regarding his/her findings.
- I understand the doctor is required to report information if he/she believes I am dangerous to myself or others or has reason to suspect I have been abused or neglected. She/he is mandated to report suspected child abuse if anyone tells them that he or she knows of any child who is currently being abused even if that child is not seen by the doctor directly. She/he is also mandated to report suspected child abuse if anyone aged 14 or older tells them that he or she committed child abuse, even if the victim is no longer in danger.

_____	_____	_____
Print Name of Client	Signature (if over 14 years)	Date
_____	_____	_____
Name of Parent/Guardian	Signature	Date

Address and Telephone		
_____	_____	
Witness	Date	