

## LEARN YOUR RIGHTS

### **PURPOSE:**

To educate the parent(s) with a child in the custody of Children's Division about parental rights regarding the child's health care and to inform the parents and all Family Support Team (FST) members of the option to become an alternative consenter for a child.

### **RESOURCE:**

The Learn Your Rights – Health Care – Parent flyer is a simple explanation of parental rights regarding health care decisions to include, but not limited to, attending doctor appointments with the child, knowing all of the necessary information about the child's recommended treatment and to agree or disagree with the child's mental health treatment plan or any recommended psychotropic medications. The child's FST and court must approve of the parent's involvement with the child.

The Learn Your Rights flyer for parent's rights provides information about the Service Delivery Grievance process for parent(s) who disagree with the treatment plan decision and/or recommendation. Parents can file a Service Delivery Grievance form with the Children's Division within five (5) business days or they can discuss their concerns at any time with the juvenile court.

In addition to the parental rights section, the flyer contains information about consent for medical treatment of a child and who can give permission for a child's care. Any member of a child's FST can make a request to become an alternative consenter for the child. An alternative consenter is an individual, other than the Children's Division case manager, who is authorized by the courts to give permission (consent) for a child's medical care, including psychotropic medications.

### **DISTRIBUTION:**

The Learn Your Rights flyer is to be given to parent(s) to ensure they understand their rights with regard to their child's health care needs and to all FST members to inform them of the ability to become an alternative consenter for psychotropic medications.

In the event any member of the FST seeks to serve as the consenting authority for the administration of psychotropic medications to a child, CD will, to the extent permitted by the juvenile court, inform the court and request an opportunity for the proposed alternative consenter to be heard. The FST member may ask to put their request in writing and include the reasons for the request.

Children's Division staff will provide the flyer at the initial FST meeting and again if a child is prescribed a psychotropic medication. Documentation of the distribution of this flyer (date and to whom) shall be recorded in the narrative section in FACES.