

EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES FORM

To be completed and submitted when a student is being questioned by Indiana Department of Child Services without consent from the child's parent, guardian, or custodian pursuant to the exigent circumstances exception as defined by Ind. Code 31-9-2-44.1.

Name of School:
Name of Principal:
Name of Student:
Date of Birth of Student:
Date of Interview:
Name of DCS Interviewer:

(Check the following boxes that apply)

- ☐ There is definite and explainable evidence giving rise to a reasonable suspicion that the child or any child residing in the home with the child has been or is in imminent danger of being physically abused, sexually abused, or is being neglected such that the child's physical safety is seriously endangered;
- ☐ There is no less intrusive alternative to the department's action that would reasonably and sufficiently protect the child's imminent health or safety; **and**
- ☐ One of the following applies (*check all that apply*):
- ☐ The parent, guardian, or custodian of the child is the alleged perpetrator of the abuse or neglect of the child; or is allegedly aware of the abuse or neglect and has not ensured the child's safety.
 - ☐ There is reason to believe that the safety of the child might be jeopardized; or essential evidence regarding signs or symptoms of abuse or neglect on or in the child's body might not be available if the department's action is delayed or the child's parent, guardian, or custodian is notified before the department's action.
 - ☐ The child is a homeless unaccompanied minor and is voluntarily receiving services at an emergency shelter or shelter care facility without the presence or consent of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian.

DCS Interviewer's Signature: _____

Principal's Signature: _____