

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS
PRE-PETITION INTERVENTION LEGAL
SERVICES



ALBANY COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

- 1.) You have the right to have an attorney before you speak to Dept. for Children, Youth, and Families.
- 2.) If you are the subject of the investigation, you have the right to be informed of the allegation(s) being investigated
- 3.) Unless under a Court Order, you are not required to speak to any representative of the Dept. for Children, Youth and Families
*Note: Any statement you do make may be used against you or any parent or caretaker under investigation in an administrative proceeding and many Court proceedings!
- 4.) You are entitled to have the advice of any attorney and to have an attorney present when the parent or caretaker is being questioned by a Children, Youth and Families representative
- 5.) No parent or caretaker is required, unless Court ordered, to permit any representative of Children, Youth, and Families to enter their residence

- 6.) The parent or caretaker is not required, unless Court ordered, to allow a Children, Youth and Families representative to interview a child.
- 7.) Unless under Court order you are not required to sign a release of information, take a drug or alcohol test, or submit to a mental health evaluation.
- 8.) NOTE: If a representative of Children, Youth and Families believes a child's life or health is in jeopardy, and there is insufficient time to obtain a Court order they may take action to protect the health or safety of a child, which may include removal from your home.

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LEGAL SERVICES, CALL
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518- 694-3560