

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO
DIVISION OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS
JUVENILE BRANCH**

IN THE MATTER OF: _____

CASE NO: _____ DATE: _____

**AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAFE HARBOR EMPOWERMENT
PROGRAM**

A complaint of _____ has been filed against me. I received a copy and read it.

The Empowerment Program has been explained to me and I agree to participate.

I understand that my Empowerment Plan will be specifically designed to meet my needs. I know that to successfully complete this diversion program, I must complete the requirements in my Empowerment Plan to the Court's satisfaction.

I understand that my Empowerment Plan may subject me to random drug testing, placement into residential treatment facilities or group homes, may restrict my movement or communication abilities, among other requirements as determined by the Court. My Empowerment Plan may also require me to complete my education, maintain employment, or volunteer in my community.

I know that, while I am in the Empowerment Program, the charge will be held in abeyance. That means that the charge will be temporarily on hold. I understand that my case will be reviewed each month by the Empowerment Team. I understand that my appearance at those review hearings may be required. I know that my Empowerment Plan may require 90 days to complete and that 2 extensions may be ordered to give me more time to be successful.

I know that if I successfully complete the requirements of this diversion program, then the charge will be dismissed and I will not be found delinquent or unruly. The court record will be sealed and could be expunged (which means erased or deleted).

I know that if I do not complete the Empowerment Program, then the charge will proceed formally and I will have to go to a hearing in Juvenile Court.

I know that if the charge goes to Juvenile Court, I have the right to remain silent, the right to an attorney, and the right to a trial where guilt must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt and I can have witnesses for me and question witnesses against me.

I know that any statements I make or evidence I share about the offense during my participation in the Empowerment Program will not be used against me if the charge goes to Juvenile Court.

I have read and understand this Agreement to Participate in the Safe Harbor Empowerment Program.

Minor Child

Attorney for Minor Child

Parent

Guardian ad Litem

Care Coordinator