

Tennessee Department of Children's Services **Penalty for Harboring Notice**

Child/Youth's Name

Date of Birth

You are advised that **IF** the above-named child, who is in the custody of the Department of Children's Services (DCS), runs away from DCS custody, you are legally obligated to report any known information regarding the whereabouts of this child/youth. You are hereby notified that harboring a child in DCS custody is a criminal offense punishable by up to **11 months**, **29 days in jail and \$2,500** in fines. I understand this law and consequences if I choose to harbor any child/youth who has run away from DCS custody.

I confirm by my signature below that if I have *any* information that would help locate this child/youth in the event of running away from DCS custody I will share it immediately with my DCS Worker or supervisor and/or law enforcement.

Any child/youth who runs away is at risk of harming themselves, other persons, and the community at large. Your cooperation in bringing this child/youth back into custody is very important.

Print Name

Date

Signature

Relationship to Child

Check the "Forms" Webpage for the current version and disregard previous versions. This form may not be altered without prior approval. Distribution: Copies: Youth's Case File Recipient

