

State of Alabama  
Unified Judicial System

Form JU-4 Rev 10/88

## INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT

Case Number

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, ALABAMA

In The Matter Of \_\_\_\_\_

A complaint concerning the above child has been filed and an informal adjustment of this matter is hereby agreed to, subject to the following terms, conditions, and understanding.\*\*

1. That this court has jurisdiction to consider this matter.
2. That the child and his parents or custodian have been advised of their rights.

This agreement will be in force for six (6) months unless sooner terminated.

It is further understood that the parents or guardian and the child will be notified upon termination or dismissal of this agreement. I acknowledge that I have read or have had read to me the information which is printed on the reverse side of this form and it has been explained to me.

Agreed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent

Recommended and Agreed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Intake Officer

**\*\*Note to intake Officer:** In using this agreement, you must explain Rule 15 of the Alabama Rules of Juvenile Procedure **IN FULL** and satisfy yourself that all conditions of said Rule are understood by all parties.

## **RULE 15. INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT**

### **ALABAMA RULES OF JUVENILE PROCEDURE**

**(A)** If there is sufficient evidence to bring the child within the jurisdiction of the court, and following advisement of rights to the child and his parents or custodian, including the right to counsel at this and all other stages of the proceeding, upon recommendation of the intake office the matter may be held open and the intake office may attempt, with the consent of the child and his parents or custodian, to make satisfactory informal adjustment.

**(B)** Informal adjustment shall include counseling and advising the child and his parents or custodian by the intake officer and other appropriate persons and may include, with the consent of the juvenile and with the consent of his parents or custodian, supervision by the juvenile officer and the temporary placement of the juvenile with persons other than his parents or custodian. Referrals may be made to public and private agencies which may provide assistance or services to the juvenile and his parents or custodian.

**(C)** The intake officer may either terminate the informal adjustment process and dismiss the child without further proceedings or terminate the informal adjustment process and file a petition in the court if at any time:

- (1) it appears that the child and his parents or custodian have received the maximum benefit from the informal adjustment process;
- (2) the child or his parents or custodian declines to participate further in the informal adjustment process;
- (3) the child or his parents or custodian denies the jurisdiction of the court;
- (4) the child or his parents or custodian expresses a desire that the facts be determined by the court;
- (5) he child fails without reasonable excuse to attend scheduled conferences;
- (6) the child appears unable or unwilling to benefit from the informal adjustment process;
- (7) the intake officer becomes apprised of new or additional information which makes it appear that further efforts at informal adjustment would not be in the best interests of the juvenile or of society;  
or
- (8) other sufficient reasons exist for terminating the informal adjustment process.

**(D)** The informal adjustment process shall not continue beyond a period of six months from its commencement.

**(E)** Upon termination of the informal adjustment process and dismissal of the child without further proceedings, the intake officer shall notify the child and his parents or custodian thereof and report such action to the court.