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Date: _____

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RE:

Parent(s)
Child(ren)

Dear

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Children's Division has conducted an Investigation or Family Assessment in response of your call to the Child Abuse Neglect Hotline on _____ regarding the above named family. Please see the finding below:

This investigation was substantiated by a preponderance of evidence. Preponderance of evidence is that degree of evidence that is of greater weight or more convincing than the evidence which is offered in opposition to it or evidence which as a whole shows the fact to be proved to be more probable than not. **This is a preliminary finding.** The Alleged perpetrator has sixty (60) days after being notified of the determination to request an appeal. This finding will remain a preliminary finding until a determination has been made by the Child Abuse Neglect Review Board or the 60 days expires without a request for an appeal.

This investigation was unsubstantiated. There is a finding of insufficient or no evidence for the allegations of abuse and/or neglect. If a report is unsubstantiated, a referral will be made to the *Office of the Child Advocate* for review, if you request it in writing.

A family assessment was conducted. The purpose of a Family Assessment is to discuss with the family the safety of the children, resources of the family and the family's possible need for services.

Thank you for your valuable information and interest in the well-being of Missouri's Children. Online reporting is available for mandated reporters to report non-emergencies. Consider making future reports online at:
<https://dss.mo.gov/cd/keeping-kids-safe/can.htm>

Sincerely,

Children's Service Worker and/or Children's Services Supervisor, Title

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TDD / TTY: 800-735-2966
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