

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

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**REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY PLACEMENT OF DEPENDENT /  
ABUSED YOUTH**

Child's Name:	_____	Born:	_____
Full Address:	_____	Phone:	_____
Mother's Name:	_____	Phone:	_____
Full Address:	_____		
Father's Name:	_____	Phone:	_____
Full Address:	_____		

I certify that I have taken the above-named child into Emergency Protective Custody under provisions of the JUVENILE ACT (Pa. C.S. Sec. 6301 ET.SEQ) Section 6324 (see instruction sheet).

REASON FOR TAKING EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE CUSTODY:

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Law Enforcement Officer                      Phone                      Department

## **-INSTRUCTIONS-**

Whenever children and youth require emergency shelter care through the Office of Children and Youth (OCY), sufficient authority means a Court Order issued by a Judge of the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, a Voluntary Placement Agreement completed by the Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth staff and signed by parent(s), or this law enforcement request for placement of dependent / abused youth signed by the law enforcement officer who has taken custody of the child.

### **THE JUVENILE ACT**

42 Pa. C.S. Sec. 6301 Et Seq  
Section 6324

\*\* Applicable to "Dependent" Youth  
\*\*\* Applicable to "Delinquent" Youth

#### Section 6324. Taking into custody

A child may be taken into custody:

- \*\* (1) Pursuant to an order of the court under this chapter. Prior to entering a protective custody order removing a child from the home of a parent, guardian or custodian, the court must determine that to allow the child to remain in the home is contrary to the welfare of the child.
  
- \*\*\* (2) Pursuant to the laws of arrest.
  
- \*\* (3) By a law enforcement officer or duly authorized officer of the court, if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the child is suffering from illness or injury or is in imminent danger from his surroundings, and that his removal is necessary.
  
- \*\* (4) By a law enforcement officer or duly authorized officer of the court, if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the child has run away from his parents, guardian or other custodian.
  
- \*\*\* (5) By a law enforcement officer or duly authorized officer of the court, if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the child has violated conditions of his probation.

When possible, the Office of Children and Youth should be contacted prior to taking protective custody, so that a joint plan is developed for the child. Such a plan may include temporary placement with a relative or family friend. OCY staff will assist with this planning. OCY staff can be reached at: (Day) (610) 278-5800; (Night) (610) 275-1222. When completed, the form should be faxed to the OCY caseworker or other agreed upon person.