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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon Department of Human Services
DOJ File No.: 100101-GA0106-19

Dear Ms. Thompson:

This letter is the Attorney General's order responding to your petition, on behalf of a client, for disclosure under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.311 to 192.478. Your petition asks the Attorney General to order the Department of Human Services (DHS) to disclose a Child Protective Services assessment ("CPS assessment") used to substantiate an allegation of child abuse against your client. Your petition explains that DHS denied your client's request for the CPS assessment because it is a confidential child abuse record and exempt from disclosure under ORS 419B.035.

We contacted Christy Carter, DHS Child Welfare Paralegal, regarding your petition. She informed us that DHS has agreed to disclose the CPS assessment to a different attorney in your office who represents the same client in a juvenile dependency matter. *See* ORS 419B.035(1)(c). Because DHS has agreed to make the requested records available to your client, we respectfully deny your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

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