**SUMMONS**

STATE OF INDIANA XXX

XXX COUNTY CAUSE NO. XXX

IN THE MATTER OF:

xxxx,

a child alleged to be a Child in Need of Services.

TO: Name

Address

You, who are the child or the child’s parent, guardian, or custodian, are notified that the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) has filed a Verified Petition Alleging a Child to be a Child in Need of Services (CHINS Petition), which alleges that the child is a child in need of services (CHINS). A copy of the CHINS Petition is attached to this Summons. **You must appear in**

[*insert Court’s name, address, and telephone number*] **on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.** for an Initial Hearing and a Detention Hearing.At the Initial Hearing, you will be advised of your rights, the allegations in the CHINS Petition, and the dispositional alternatives in this case. At the Detention Hearing, the Court will determine whether the child should remain in custody or be released.

If this Summons is properly served and you fail to appear, the Court may conduct a Detention Hearing and a Factfinding Hearing, enter an adjudication that the child is a CHINS without further notice, and proceed with a Dispositional Hearing. The Court may order that the child is a ward of the DCS, and order placement and services that are in the child’s best interests. The Court may issue a Rule to Show Cause as to why you should not be held in indirect contempt of court. The Court may also issue an order for child support or redirect an existing child support order.

Dated:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of Courts

The DCS designates the following mode of service to be used by the Clerk of Courts:

Personal service pursuant to Indiana Trial Rule 4.1(A)(2).

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[*insert address and telephone number*]

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PERSONAL SERVICE OF SUMMONS**

I received a copy of this Summons and the CHINS Petition on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Date*

at\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*Location*

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Signature of person summoned