



COOK COUNTY

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**DEPARTMENT OF ADOPTION AND FAMILY SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

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## DAFSS Disclosure Form

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The Cook County Department of Adoption and Family Supportive Services (DAFSS) has been court appointed to conduct a home-based social investigation (aka “home study”) to facilitate resolution of your case. The goal of the home study assessment is to provide the court with information concerning the child’s home environment and how the parties contribute to the physical, emotional and social development of the child/ren in question and to make recommendations to the court as to what appears to be in the child/ren’s best interests.

There is a possibility that the DAFSS caseworker may discuss matters with relevant third parties, including but not limited to, mental health professionals, doctors, educators, childcare personnel and others that have information directly related to the home study. Anything discussed with this caseworker, and any material shared, is subject to discovery and disclosure in accordance with applicable law. Additionally, DAFSS caseworkers act as mandated reporters in accordance with the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, 325 ILCS 5/1, *et seq.*

The home study report detailing observations, findings and recommendations will be provided to the court and any attorneys of record. A copy of the home study report may be provided to the parties through your attorney (if you have one) or upon request.

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