

DeKalb County Early Risk Assessment Project - Release of Information

Your child has recently violated the law, which could result in the matter being referred to the DeKalb County State’s Attorney’s office for formal prosecution. Instead, you may have the opportunity to participate in DeKalb County’s Early Risk Assessment Project (ERAP). This project is designed to keep youth from entering the juvenile court system and possibly facing criminal penalties.

If you decide to have your child participate in the project, you will be contacted by DeKalb County Court Services to determine their eligibility.

If your child is selected to participate and successfully completes all services, no criminal charges will be filed. If you would rather have this matter addressed in juvenile court, you may elect to have the case forwarded to the DeKalb County State’s Attorney’s Office for formal charges to be filed.

- I hereby agree to have my child and family participate in the DeKalb County Early Risk Assessment Project.

- I understand that if we participate in this project and this case ends up in juvenile court at a later date, my child is still presumed innocent and has the right to plead not guilty.

- I hereby authorize the partners in DeKalb County’s Early Risk Assessment Project to exchange information in order to provide services to my child. I understand that the purpose of sharing the information is to prevent my child from entering the juvenile court system. Project partners include DeKalb County Youth Service Bureau, Adventure Works, DeKalb County Court Services, and local law enforcement agencies. I understand that I may, at any time, inspect or obtain a copy of the information shared about my child by mailing a written request, or presenting it in person at DeKalb County Court Services, 200 N Main Street, Sycamore, IL 60178. A fee may be charged for the cost of copying. I understand that I have the right to challenge the contents of any records.

- I further understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time by giving written notice to DeKalb County Court Services at the address listed above. However, such a revocation will not be effective for uses or disclosures that have already been made, or other actions that have already been taken, in reliance on this authorization or as required by law.

This Release of Information expires one year from the date of the signature on this document.

Signature of Juvenile	Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date

Witness	Title	Date