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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the administration for children's services to provide a multilingual disclosure form to parents or guardians during a child protective investigation

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 9 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-919 to read as follows:

§ 21-919 Multilingual Disclosure Form. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Designated citywide languages. The term "designated citywide languages" has the meaning ascribed to such term in section 23-1101.

Designated organization. The term "designated organization" means a not-for-profit organization or association that has the capacity to provide legal services to parents or caretaker.

Office of advocacy. The term "office of advocacy" means the office within ACS which provides information and responds to the concerns of parents, youth, foster parents, and others affected by the child welfare system, juvenile justice system, and other ACS services.

b. Upon the commencement of a child protective investigation, ACS shall provide to the parent or caretaker a multilingual disclosure form available in the designated citywide languages. Such form shall be posted on the ACS website and shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. Information regarding the rights of parents and caretakers during a child protective investigation;

2. Resources which may be available to parents and caretakers including access to legal services from a designated organization;

3. The telephone number and address of ACS' office of advocacy and information on common issues handled by the office; and

4. Any other information ACS deems appropriate.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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