

## Waiver of Right to Counsel Advisement

- Parents who are not lawyers cannot represent their children as counsel in court, at trial or otherwise!

Do you understand that you have the right to have a lawyer?

Do you understand that if you cannot afford to hire a lawyer and you qualify under the Supreme Court guidelines, the court will appoint a lawyer to represent you free?

Do you understand that I will appoint a lawyer for you if you want one?

Do you understand the charge pending against you is (state the charge and level of offense) and it carries a possible sentence of (state the possible sentence)?

(Ask the parents) Do you understand everything I have just asked the juvenile and believe it is the right choice to have the juvenile not be represented by a lawyer?

Have you ever had any legal training?

How much school have you completed?

Have you had any alcohol, drugs, or medication which affects your ability to understand what is happening here today? Do you think you do understand what is happening?

Would like to talk or consult with the public defender before you make this decision?

Do you understand criminal law is a complicated area, and that a lawyer trained in this field could be of great help in preparing and representing your defense?

Do you understand that you have the right to remain silent and that anything you say could be used against you in court?

You should understand that you have the right to represent yourself, but by doing so, you take a great risk of not properly presenting your case?

Do you understand you have the right to confront and cross examine the witness against you?

Do you understand that you have the right to subpoena and force witnesses to appear and testify for you?