

# Emergency care

## Information for parents when a child has been placed in emergency care

A child protection practitioner, who is a protective intervener from the Department of Health and Human Services, believes your child is in need of protection and has placed your child in emergency care, under section 241 of the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*. The application attached outlines the grounds for this decision. As a result, a Children's Court magistrate will now consider your child's situation.

The information below is provided to assist you.

- The child protection practitioner is \_\_\_\_\_
- Their position is \_\_\_\_\_
- Their work address and telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_
- The child protection practitioner is employed by the Department of Health and Human Services.
- If you wish to speak to someone about your child, you should call the child protection practitioner, or, if it is outside office hours, you may contact the After Hours Child Protection Emergency Service on 13 12 78.

The initial court hearing/hearing before a bail justice will be held on

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

at: \_\_\_\_\_

(Court name or location of bail justice hearing)

- You can seek legal assistance from the Victorian Legal Aid duty lawyer service when you first attend court. The duty lawyer can provide you with information on legal representation. For further information you can talk to Victoria Legal Aid on (03) 9269 0234.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Protective intervener**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_