**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

Division of Safety and Permanence

**Extended Relative and Non-Relative
Search and Engagement Consent**

**Use of form:** Use of this form is voluntary and is for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a relationship between the child and extended relatives or other adults that have a relationship with the child or parent / guardian. Current state law as in s. 48.78(2)(i) allows agencies to search for relatives defined as a grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle, brother, sister, half-brother, or half-sister of a child, whether by blood, marriage, or legal adoption, who has attained 18 years of age or other adults as ordered by the court establish and maintain a relationship. Personal information your provide may be used for secondary purposes [Privacy Law, s. 15.04(1)m), Wisconsin Statutes.

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| Name – Parent or Guardian (Last, First, MI)      |
| Name – Child (Last, First, MI)      | Birthdate – Child (mm/dd/yyyy)      |

**Purpose:** Early involvement with extended relatives and other adults support continuity of relationships that are important to a child’s well-being. Extended relatives and other adults are important resources for children in out-of-home care by providing meaningful connections and a sense of belonging.

I give my consent for the agency to conduct search and engagement efforts for the above named child, which include:

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| [ ]  | Contacting extended relatives and other adults identified by the agency through Family Finding search efforts, or named by the parent / guardian or child.  |

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| Name (Last, First, MI) | Relationship | Relationship with child or parent / guardian or both |
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| Provide any additional information to locate the individual(s) listed above (address, phone number, etc.)      |

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| [ ]  | Disclosing information to the identified individual(s) about the child as needed to establish a relationship between the child and adult. |
| [ ]  | Involving individual(s) found through search efforts in team meetings about permanency planning and building ongoing permanent connections. |

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| Parent / Guardian Information  |
| Address – Home (Street, City, State, Zip Code)      |
| Telephone Number – Home      | Telephone Number – Other      |

Only one signature is required, either the Parent / Guardian or child if aged 14 or over.

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| **SIGNATURE** – Parent / Guardian |  | Date signed  |

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| **SIGNATURE** – Child (age 14 and over only) |  | Date signed  |