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Ashley M. v. DCFS

This case was filed by Ashley M., Grace R., David and Linda H., and Richard and Carolyn C. (together, the “Named Plaintiffs”), who were appointed by the Court to act as representatives of the Plaintiff Class. The Plaintiff Class alleges that the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services violated the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act by investigating and indicating persons under a rule known as Allegation 60 after the Illinois Supreme Court’s decision in *Julie Q. v. DCFS* in March 2013. Allegation 60 is the DCFS neglect allegation applicable in investigating and indicating persons for subjecting a child to an environment injurious to the child’s health and welfare. The Illinois Supreme Court in *Julie Q. v. DCFS* found Allegation 60 to be legally void.

The following chart describes the basic terms of the settlement.

If you	Relief
Were the subject of an indicated finding based on Allegation 60 prior to July 13, 2012:	You are not affected by the settlement. Your indicated finding has already been expunged.
Are the subject of an indicated finding based on Allegation 60 that was either investigated or entered after July 13, 2012 and before January 1, 2014:	Your indicated finding for Allegation 60 will be removed from the State Central Register if the settlement is approved. The removal of your name as a perpetrator of child neglect for Allegation 60 will not impact any proceedings in Juvenile Court. If you were indicated for any other allegations during this time period, those allegations will remain indicated on the State Central Register.
Are the subject of an indicated finding based on Allegation 60 that was investigated on or after January 1, 2014 and entered prior to May 31, 2014:	You are not affected by the settlement.
Are the subject of an indicated finding based on Allegation 60 that was entered from May 31, 2014 through June 11, 2014:	Your indicated finding for Allegation 60 will be removed from the State Central Register if the settlement is approved. The removal of your name as a perpetrator of child neglect for Allegation 60 will not impact any proceedings in Juvenile Court. If you were indicated for any other allegations during this time period, those allegations will remain indicated on the State Central Register.



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Are the subject of an indicated finding based on Allegation 60 that was investigated on or **after January 1, 2014** and entered on or **after June 12, 2014**:

You are not affected by the settlement.