



RIGHTS of people with developmental disabilities in facilities

Everyone has these rights:

- *The right to be treated with consideration, dignity and respect by everyone, including staff and other residents.
- *The right to be told about your rights.
- *The right to be protected from physical, verbal, sexual, or mental abuse or punishment.
- *The right to be told about the grievance process for filing a complaint and the right to make complaints and be heard without being scared of punishment of any kind.

Some rights can be limited by your service plan or by the courts.

- *The right to vote as you choose.
- * The right to live in the most integrated setting appropriate, taking into account the resources available.
- *The right to get paid for any work you do.
- *The right to manage your personal finances.
- *The right to (or not to) attend and take part in community, leisure and recreational activities including church, clubs and groups.
- *The right to adequate and appropriate food.
- *The right to a free and appropriate public education if you are 21 years old or younger.
- *The right to a safe and clean place to live.
- *The right to get help from staff and receive supports/services that you need and choose, as much as possible.
- *The right to wear your own clothes, to keep personal things including money, and have your own space to keep your own items.
- *The right to an attorney and the right to speak privately with your attorney.
- *The right to talk/complain about anything that bothers you without the fear of harm or someone taking something away.
- *The right to send and receive letters.
- *The right to call others and get telephone calls.
- *The right to have visitors.
- *The right to talk in private with people inside and outside the developmental center.
- *The right to be told about your medical condition(s), unless the doctors decide it would be bad for your health.
- *The right to refuse treatment unless harmful to do so.
- *The right to privacy for the treatment and care of your personal needs.
- *The right to be given the chance to participate in the development of your service plan and to have a written service plan.

If you feel your rights have been violated or you need more information, call 1-800-960-7705.

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