



## **Bill of Rights for Persons with Developmental Disabilities**

The rights of persons with developmental disabilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. The right to be treated at all times with courtesy and respect and with full recognition of their dignity and individuality.
- B. The right to an appropriate, safe and sanitary living environment that complies with local, state, and federal standards and recognizes the persons' need for privacy and independence.
- C. The right to food adequate to meet accepted standards of nutrition.
- D. The right to practice the religion of their choice or abstain from the practice of religion.
- E. The right to timely access to appropriate medical and dental services.
- F. The right to access necessary ancillary services including, but not limited to, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, behavior modification and other psychological services.
- G. The right to receive appropriate care and treatment in the least intrusive manner.
- H. The right to privacy, including both periods of privacy and places of privacy.
- I. The right to communicate freely with persons of their choice in any reasonable manner they choose.
- J. The right to ownership and use of personal possessions so as to maintain individuality and personal dignity.
- K. The right to social interaction with members of either sex.
- L. The right to access to opportunities that enable individuals to develop their full human potential.
- M. The right to pursue vocational opportunities that will promote and enhance economic independence.
- N. The right to be treated equally as citizens under the law.
- O. The right to be free from emotional, psychological and physical abuse.
- P. The right to participate in appropriate programs of education, training and social development, and habilitation and in programs or reasonable recreation.
- Q. The right to participate in decisions that affect their lives.
- R. The right to select a parent or advocate to act on their behalf.
- S. The right to manage their personal financial affairs, based on individual ability to do so.
- T. The right to confidential treatment of all information in their personal and medical records.
- U. The right to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services without restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal.
- V. The right to be free from unnecessary chemical or physical restraints.
- W. The right to participate in the political process.
- X. The right to refuse to participate in medical, psychological or other research or experiment.

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