

**STATE OF OHIO**  
**The Rights of Developmentally Disabled Persons**  
**(Ohio Revised Code Section 5123.62)**

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Including but not limited to:

- (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 to abstain from the practice of religion;
- (E) The right of timely access to appropriate medical or dental treatment;
- (F) The right of access to necessary ancillary services, including, but not limited to, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, and 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 of 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, social development, and habilitation and in programs of 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, except to the extent that disclosure or release of records is permitted under sections [5123.89](#) and [5126.044](#) of the Revised Code;
- (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 experiments.

**REPORTING VIOLATION OF RIGHTS**

Any developmentally disabled person who believes that their rights outlined above have been violated, or any other person, may bring the violation to the attention of the appropriate service provider or may report the violation to any of the following agencies:

The Miami County Board of Developmental Disabilities 1625 Troy-Sidney Road Troy, OH 45373 Phone: (937) 440-3000	The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities 30 East Broad Street, Suite 1280 Columbus, OH 43215 Phone: (866) 313-6733	Ohio Disability Rights Law and Policy Center, Inc. Disability Rights Ohio 50 W. Broad Street, Suite 1400 Columbus, Ohio 43215-5923 (614) 466-7264 or (800) 282-9181 (TTY) (614) 728-2553 or (800) 858-3542
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Persons who believe their rights as outlined above have been violated may also take any other appropriate action to ensure compliance with Sections 5123.60 to 5123.64 of the Ohio Revised Code.