

## Bill of Rights

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### 1. RESPECT

**I have the right to be treated at all times with courtesy and respect and with full recognition of my dignity and individuality.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to treat others nicely.*



### 2. SAFE HOME

**I have the right to an appropriate, safe and sanitary living environment that complies with local, state and federal standards and recognizes my needs for privacy and independence.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to keep my home safe and clean.*



### 3. NUTRITIOUS FOOD

**I have the right to food adequate to meet accepted standards of nutrition.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to choose foods that keep me healthy.*



### 4. FREEDOM OF RELIGION

**I have the right to practice the religion of my choice or to abstain from the practice of religion.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to respect others' choices of worship.*



### 5. MEDICAL ACCESS

**I have the right of timely access to appropriate medical or dental treatment.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to listen to my doctor and dentist and follow his/her recommendations.*



## 6. ANCILLARY SERVICES

**I have the right of access to necessary ancillary services including, but not limited to, occupational, physical, and speech therapy, behavior modification and other psychological services.**

*This also means I am responsible to attend scheduled appointments and follow agreed upon plans of action.*



## 7. APPROPRIATE CARE

**I have the right to receive appropriate care and treatment in the least intrusive manner.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to listen to others.*



## 8. PRIVACY

**I have the right to privacy including both periods of privacy and places of privacy.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to respect others' free time.*



## 9. COMMUNICATION

**I have the right to communicate freely with persons of my choice in any reasonable manner I choose.**

*This also means I have the responsibility of being respectful to others and not being abusive.*



## 10. PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

**I have the right to ownership and use of personal possessions so as to maintain individuality and personal dignity.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to ask permission to borrow others' belongings.*



## 11. SOCIAL INTERACTION

**I have the right to social interaction with members of either sex.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to make good choices about who I spend my time with and what I do.*



## 12. OPPORTUNITIES

**I have the right of access to opportunities that enable me to develop my full human potential.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to respect others' help by keeping scheduled meetings and canceling if I am not able to attend.*



### 13. ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE

**I have the right to pursue vocational opportunities that will promote and enhance economic independence.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to attend work as scheduled and give two weeks' notice if I want to quit.*



### 14. EQUAL UNDER LAW

**I have the right to be treated equally as a citizen under the law.**

*This also means I must be a responsible citizen and not break any laws.*



### 15. MUTUAL RESPECT

**I have the right to be free from emotional, psychological and physical abuse.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to not hit, hurt or yell at others.*



### 16. FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE

**I have the right to participate in appropriate programs of education, training, social development and habilitation and in programs of reasonable recreation.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to be accountable for my service plan since it is a contract.*



### 17. DECISION MAKING

**I have the right to participate in decisions that affect my life.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to make informed choices and accept natural consequences.*



### 18. CHOICE OF ADVOCATE

**I have the right to select a parent or advocate to act on my behalf.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to keep my advocate informed of my needs.*



### 19. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

**I have the right to manage my personal financial affairs, based on individual ability to do so.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to pay my bills, buy food and take care of my needs.*



## 20. CONFIDENTIALITY

**I have the right to confidential treatment of all information in my personal and medical records.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to respect others' confidentiality.*



## 21. A VOICE

**I have the right to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services without restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal.**

*This also means I am responsible for my problems, mistakes and taking ownership of my life.*



## 22. FREEDOM FROM RESTRAINT

**I have the right to be free from unnecessary chemical or physical restraints.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to take what medicine I need to be healthy.*



## 23. VOTING

**I have the right to participate in the political process.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to become informed about political candidates and issues.*



## 24. RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

**I have the right to refuse to participate in medical, psychological or other research or experiments.**

*This also means I have the responsibility to make choices that will have positive consequences.*

### REPORTING VIOLATION OF RIGHTS

Any person with a developmental disability who believes that his/her rights outlined above have been violated, or any other person believes the person's rights outlined above have been violated, may bring the violation to the attention of the appropriate service provider or may report the violation to any of the following agencies:

**Miami County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Riverside)**

1625 Troy Sidney Road  
Troy, OH 45373  
Phone: (937) 440-3000

**Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD)**

30 E. Broad Street, Suite 1280  
Columbus, OH 43215  
Phone: (937) 313-6733

**Ohio Disability Rights Law and Policy Center, Inc. Disability Rights Ohio**

50 W. Broad Street, Suite 1400  
Columbus, OH 43215-5923  
Phone: (614) 466-7264 or (800) 282-9181  
TTY: (614) 728-2553 or (800) 858-3542

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.