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Empower people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and be involved in their community.

BILL OF RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

I. The right to be treated at all times with courtesy and respect and with full recognition of their individuality.
II. The right to an appropriate, safe and sanitary living environment that complies with local, state and federal standards and recognizes the person's need for privacy.
III. The right to food adequate to meet accepted standards of nutrition.
IV. The right to practice the religion of choice or to abstain from the practice of religion.
V. The right to timely access to appropriate medical or dental treatment.
VI. 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.
VII. The right to receive appropriate care and treatment in the least intrusive manner.
VIII. The right to privacy, including both periods of privacy and places of privacy.
IX. The right to communicate freely with persons of their choice in any reasonable manner they choose.
X. The right to ownership and use of personal possessions so as to maintain individuality and personal dignity.
XI. The right to social interaction with members of either sex.
XII. The right to access opportunities that enable the individual to develop to their full human potential.
XIII. The right to pursue vocational opportunities that will provide and enhance economic independence.
XIV. The right to be treated equally as citizens under the law.
XV. The right to be free from emotional, psychological, and physical abuse.
XVI. The right to participate in appropriate programs of education, training, social development, and habilitation in programs of reasonable recreation.
XVII. The right to participate in decisions that affect their lives.
XVIII. The right to select a parent or advocate to act on their behalf.
XIX. The right to manage their personal financial affairs based on individual ability to do so.
XX. The right to confidential treatment of all information in their personal and medical records.
XXI. The right to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services without restrain, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal.
XXII. The right to be free from unnecessary chemical or physical restraints. The right to participate in the political process.
XXIII. The right to participate in the political process.
XXIV. The right to refuse to participate in medical, psychological or other research experiments.