**Client Rights for Kids**

You have the right to:

* Receive information that you can understand
* Be treated with consideration, respect, and dignity (as a person with worth and purpose)
* Reasonable protection from harm and abuse
* Be free from restraint unless there is risk of harm to you or someone else
* Reasonable privacy and freedom from intrusion by visitors
* Privacy of your personal information unless authorized
* Have access to your own treatment records unless the information is restricted
* Be informed in advance of the reasons for discontinuance of service
* Receive an explanation of the reasons for denial of service
* Be treated the same as other children (not discriminated against)
* Exercise your rights without fear of punishment
* Have the grievance procedure explained to you
* File a grievance (with assistance if requested)

If you are in the residential program, you also have the right to:

* Retain personal possessions consistent with health, safety, and age
* Vacate the facility at any time with a parent or guardian
* Communicate with family, guardians, and friends in accordance with individual service plan
* Have visitors at reasonable times in accordance with individual service plan
* Decline medication
* Allow or refuse changes in professional services
* Have visits from private doctors at reasonable times

**The Client’s Rights Officer Is**:

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