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Know Your Rights, Get Help If You Need It

The law says that you have rights while you are living in a children's residential facility. These are some of your rights, but the law says you have other rights, too. If you think your rights are being violated, you should file a grievance with the client rights representative at your facility or contact Disability Rights Ohio using the information above.

- **You have the right** to be treated with consideration, respect for your personal dignity, autonomy, and privacy.
- **You have the right** to be in the least restrictive setting that is appropriate for you.
- **You have the right** to be protected from physical, sexual, or emotional abuse or harassment.
- **You have the right** not to be restrained or secluded unless there is an imminent risk of physical harm to you or someone else.
- **You have the right** to a reasonable amount of privacy.
- **You have the right** not to be discriminated against because of your race, ethnicity, age, color, religion, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, genetic information, HIV status or other reasons protected by law.
- **You have the right** not to be retaliated against for exercising your rights.
- **You have the right** receive humane services in a comfortable, welcoming, stable, and supportive environment.
- **You have the right** to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion, including religious worship of your choice. You have the right not to be forced to participate in any religious activities.
- **You have the right** to communicate freely and privately with your attorney and with Disability Rights Ohio.
- **You have the right** to file a grievance, and to have your grievance resolved within 20 working days. **You also have the right** to file a complaint with the community mental health board, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Disability Rights Ohio, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and any agencies that license or regulate the facility's services or staff.