

Rights of Persons with Developmental Disabilities
SECTION 5123.62 O.R.C. BILL OF RIGHTS

- A. The right to be treated at all times with courtesy and respect and with full recognition of their dignity and individuality;
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE TREATED NICELY AT ALL TIMES AND AS A PERSON.
- 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;
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO A SAFE, CLEAN HOME. IF IT IS A GROUP HOME/NURSING HOME, IT WILL BE CHECKED EVERY YEAR BY THE STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES. I HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE ALONE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND HAVE VISITORS WHERE I LIVE.
- C. The right to food adequate to meet accepted standards of nutrition;
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO GET FOOD THAT IS HEALTHY AND GOOD FOR ME. I HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOICES OF FOOD THAT I LIKE.
- D. The right to practice the religion of their choice or to abstain from the practice of religion;
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO GO TO CHURCH OR THE PLACE OF WORSHIP OF MY CHOICE, OR NOT TO GO AT ALL.
- E. The right of timely access to appropriate medical or dental treatment;
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO GO TO THE DOCTOR, DENTIST, OR HOSPITAL WHEN I NEED TO AS SOON AS I NEED TO.
- 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;
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO GET PEOPLE TO HELP ME WITH THE WAY I TALK, WALK, OR DO THINGS WITH MY HANDS. I HAVE THE RIGHT TO GET PEOPLE TO HELP ME WITH THE WAY I ACT OR THE WAY I FEEL. PEOPLE NEED TO ASK ME FIRST IF I NEED HELP.
- G. The right to receive appropriate care and treatment in the least intrusive manner;
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO SERVICES AND TRAINING THAT DO NOT TAKE AWAY A LOT OF MY FREE TIME AND WITHOUT IT BEING FORCED ON ME.
- H. The right to privacy, including both periods of privacy and places of privacy;
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE SOME TIME TO MYSELF AND A PLACE TO GO TO BE ALONE.
- I. The right to communicate freely with persons of their choice in any reasonable manner they choose;
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE THE TELEPHONE TO TALK TO PEOPLE I CHOOSE TO AND TO WRITE LETTERS. I HAVE THE RIGHT TO TALK WITH ANYONE I WANT ABOUT ANY SUBJECT I WANT TO DISCUSS IN A RESPONSIBLE WAY.
- J. The right to ownership and use of personal possessions so as to maintain individuality and personal dignity;
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO KEEP THINGS OF MY OWN THAT I CHOOSE TO HAVE. PEOPLE CANNOT TAKE AWAY MY PERSONAL THINGS AS A WAY OF PUNISHMENT.
- K. The right to social interaction with members of either sex;
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE WITH AND TO BE FRIENDS WITH BOTH MEN AND WOMEN
- L. The right of access to opportunities that enable individuals to develop their full human potential;
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO JOIN IN ACTIVITIES OR DO THINGS THAT WILL HELP ME GROW TO BE THE BEST PERSON I CAN BE.
- M. The right to pursue vocational opportunities that will promote and enhance economic independence;
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE A JOB, MAKE MONEY, AND SAVE MONEY FOR MY DREAMS AND GOALS FOR MY LIFE.
- N. The right to be treated equally as citizens under the law;
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE TREATED LIKE EVERYONE ELSE UNDER THE LAW.
- O. The right to be free from emotional, psychological, and physical abuse;
NO ONE SHOULD HIT ME, HURT ME, YELL AT ME, OR SAY HURTFUL THINGS TO ME.

P. The right to participate in appropriate programs of education, training, social development and habilitation and in programs of reasonable recreation;

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO GO TO A SCHOOL AND/OR WORK. I CAN WORK WITH OTHER PEOPLE FROM MY COMMUNITY. I HAVE THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION, TRAINING AND CLASSES THAT WILL HELP ME BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY.

Q. The right to participate in decisions that affect their lives;

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE THINGS THAT WILL AFFECT ME AND MY LIFE.

R. The right to select a parent or advocate to act on their behalf.;

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE SOMEONE LIKE MY PARENTS, AN ADVOCATE, OR A FRIEND TO SPEAK WITH ME AND/OR FOR ME.

S. The right to manage their personal financial affairs, based on individual ability to do so;

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE CARE OF AND SPEND MY OWN MONEY BASED ON IF I CAN DO SO AND I CHOOSE TO.

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;

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE THE PAPERS IN MY FILE KEPT SECRET. PEOPLE NEED TO GET MY SIGNED "O.K."

U. The right to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services without restraint;

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO TELL IF I DON'T AGREE WITH SOMETHING. I ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO TALK ABOUT MY PROBLEM WITHOUT BEING SCARED BY OTHERS TO CHANGE MY MIND OR GET ME IN TROUBLE.

V. The right to be free from unnecessary chemical or physical restraints;

I CANNOT BE GIVEN MEDICINE TO CHANGE MY BEHAVIOR, BE TIED UP, HELD DOWN, OR LOCKED UP UNLESS IT IS NEEDED TO KEEP ME FROM HURTING MYSELF OR OTHERS, OR UNLESS I HAVE AGREED AND THERE IS A WRITTEN PLAN OF WHICH I WAS A PART OF THE PLANNING.

W. The right to participate in the political process;

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO LEARN ABOUT HOW LAWS ARE MADE, JOIN IN COMMUNITY DECISIONS, VOTE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THE LAWS AND TELL THEM HOW I FEEL ABOUT THE LAWS.

X. The right to refuse to participate in medical, psychological or other research or experiments;

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY "NO" TO BEING PART OF ANY STUDY OR TEST.

REPORTING VIOLATIONS OF RIGHTS

Any person with a developmental disability who believes that his/her 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:

**Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Service & Support Administration**
2500 Ada Rd.
Lima, OH 45801
419-221-1385

Department of Developmental Disabilities
30 E. Broad St. 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
M.U.I. hotline – 1-866-313-6733

Ohio Legal Rights Service
50 West Broad St. Suite 1400
Columbus, OH 43215
1-800-282-9181

Persons who believe that their rights as outlined above have been violated may also take any appropriate action to ensure compliance with Section 5123.62 of the Ohio Revised Code.

I have been given the list of rights of persons with developmental disabilities and the rights have been explained to me as required by Section 5123.63 O.R.C.

Individual//Guardian _____

Witness _____
Date _____

I verify that these rights have been explained to this individual in a manner that he/she can comprehend.

Signature/Title _____
Date _____

