

Rights and Responsibilities of People with Developmental Disabilities

Right		Responsibilities	
Right 1:	You have a right to wear your own clothes.	1	Wear your own clothes.
		2	Report any problems to your service coordinator, care provider and a friend.
Right 2:	You have a right to keep and spend your money (P & I) for small purchases.	1	Save and budget your money for the items you want and, save enough for items you need, like clothes.
		2	Spend your money wisely.
		3	Ask for IPP objectives to help with money management if needed.
		4	Report any problems to your service coordinator, care provider and a friend.
Right 3:	You have a right to a safe place to keep your personal belongings.	1	Ask your care provider to give you your space.
		2	Use storage space for your items only.
		3	Report problems to your service coordinator, care provider and a friend
Right 4:	You have a right to have visitors every day. Where you are living is your home and you have the right to have guests.	1	Let your care provider know you are expecting a guest.
		2	Assist in making your home presentable to your guest.
		3	Set visits to a reasonable amount of time.
		4	Pay for refreshment out of P & I funds if you want to serve them.
Right 5:	You have a right to make private phone calls and have people call you at home.	1	Keep phone calls at a reasonable length.
		2	Pay for long distance calls.
Right 6:	You have a right to write letters and receive letters that have not been opened. You must have access to paper, envelopes, and stamps if you want to write a letter.	1	Ask care provider for stationary supplies.
		2	Purchase special stationary with P & I funds.
		3	Pay for postage with P & I funds.

Rights 7:	You have a right to refuse electroconvulsive therapy(electroshock).	1	Report to service coordinator and a friend if someone tries to hurt you.
		2	Do not give consent to something you do not like or understand.
Rights 8:	You have a right to refuse behavior modification techniques that cause pain and trauma.	1	Report to service coordinator and a friend if someone tries to hurt you.
		2	Do not give consent to something you do not like or understand.
Right 9:	You have a right to refuse psychosurgery and all other surgery which is done for the purpose of brain modification.	1	Do not give consent to something you do not like or understand.
Right 10:	You have a right to choices in your life, including with whom you want to live, your relationships, how you spend your time, and the development of a plan that fits your needs and desires.	1	You must spend some time thinking about what you want so that you can actively participate in your IPP
		2	You must let your service coordinator know what you want.