

# RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

## Language Simplification

1. You have the right to be treated nicely at all times and as an individual.
2. You have the right to a safe, clean home. If it is a licensed home, it will be checked every year by the state and by the local fire department. You have the right to be alone with family and friends.
3. You have the right to have meals that are healthy and good for you.
4. You have the right to go to the church of your choice, or not to go to church at all.
5. You have the right to go to a doctor or dentist whenever you need to, as soon as you need to go.
6. You have the right to get people to help you with the way you walk, talk, or do things with your hands. You have the right to get people who will help you with the way you act or feel.
7. You have the right to accept assistance and training without it being forced on you.
8. You have the right to have some time to yourself and a place to go by yourself.
9. You have the right to use the telephone, write letters or talk with anyone you want, about any subject you want to discuss, in a responsible way.
10. You have the right to keep things of your own that you choose to have.
11. You have the right to socialize and to be friends with both men and women.
12. You have the right to join in activities or to do things that will help you grow to be the best person you can be.
13. You have the right to have a job and make money.
14. You have the right to be treated like everyone else under the law.
15. No one should hit you, hurt you, yell at you or say terrible things to you.
16. You have the right to go to school or a work setting and meet and work with other people. You have the right to have programs that will help you, and the right to go on activities.
17. You have the right to decide the things that will affect you.
18. You have the right to ask someone like your parents or an advocate or a friend to speak with you and/or help you do things.
19. You have the right to manage and spend your own money based on your ability to do so.
20. You have the right to have the information in your file kept private.
21. You have the right to complain if you don't agree with something. You also have the right to talk about your complaints without being threatened by others to change your mind.
22. You cannot be given medications to control your behavior, be tied up, held down, or locked up unless it is needed to keep you from hurting yourself or others, or unless you have agreed and there is a written plan in place.
23. You have the right to learn how laws are made, join in community decisions, vote for the people who make the laws, and be able to tell them how you feel about the laws.
24. You have the right to say "no" to being part of any study or experiment.

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Client/Student Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Witness

Date

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