



Pickaway County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Empower people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and be involved in their community.

BILL OF RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

- I. The right to be treated at all times with courtesy and respect and with full recognition of their individuality.
- II. The right to an appropriate, safe and sanitary living environment that complies with local, state and federal standards and recognizes the person's need for privacy.
- III. The right to food adequate to meet accepted standards of nutrition.
- IV. The right to practice the religion of choice or to abstain from the practice of religion.
- V. The right to timely access to appropriate medical or dental treatment.
- VI. 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.
- VII. The right to receive appropriate care and treatment in the least intrusive manner.
- VIII. The right to privacy, including both periods of privacy and places of privacy.
- IX. The right to communicate freely with persons of their choice in any reasonable manner they choose.
- X. The right to ownership and use of personal possessions so as to maintain individuality and personal dignity.
- XI. The right to social interaction with members of either sex.
- XII. The right to access opportunities that enable the individual to develop to their full human potential.
- XIII. The right to pursue vocational opportunities that will provide and enhance economic independence.
- XIV. The right to be treated equally as citizens under the law.
- XV. The right to be free from emotional, psychological, and physical abuse.
- XVI. The right to participate in appropriate programs of education, training, social development, and habilitation in programs of reasonable recreation.
- XVII. The right to participate in decisions that affect their lives.
- XVIII. The right to select a parent or advocate to act on their behalf.
- XIX. The right to manage their personal financial affairs based on individual ability to do so.
- XX. The right to confidential treatment of all information in their personal and medical records.
- XXI. The right to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services without restrain, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal.
- XXII. The right to be free from unnecessary chemical or physical restraints. The right to participate in the political process.
- XXIII. The right to participate in the political process.
- XXIV. The right to refuse to participate in medical, psychological or other research experiments.