

Rights of Individuals With Developmental Disabilities

Each person living in or receiving services in this facility has the following rights:



You have the right to be treated well and with respect.



You have the right to services that help you live, work and take part in your community.



You have the right to meet people and take part in your community activities.



You have the right to use the telephone in private to make or receive calls or text messages.



You have the right to say "NO" to anybody trying to change the way you act by hurting you, scaring you or upsetting you.



You have the right to keep your own things in a private place that you can get into when you want.



You have the right to see your friends, family, girlfriends or boyfriends or partners every day.



You have the right to choose how you want to spend your free time and who you spend it with.



You have the right to exercise and have fun.



You have the right to mail and get letters that are not opened.



You have the right to wear your own clothes. You should be able to pick the clothes you wear.



You have the right to go to school or work.



You have the right to make choices about where you live, who you live with, the way you spend your time and who you spend your time with.



You have the right to say “NO” to drugs, being tied or held down, or being forced to be alone unless it is necessary to protect you or someone else.



You have the right to spend time alone or alone with a friend.



You have the right to keep and spend your own money on the things that you want, and to keep and use your own things.



You have the right to say “NO” to brain surgery that people want to do because of the way you act.



You have the right to see a doctor as soon as you need to.



You have the right to be involved in a religion if you want to be.



You have the right to say “NO” to things that will put you in danger.



You have the right to say “NO” to electric shock therapy.



You may have other rights as provided by law or regulation.

* If you believe one of your rights has been denied, you may contact a Rights Advocate who must respond to your complaint. The person in charge of the facility or their designee can tell you how to contact the Rights Advocate.

By signing below, I am stating that I understand my rights as outlined in this document as a resident or person receiving services in this facility.

Print Name

Date

Signature

Date

Name of Advocate

Address/Location of Office

Telephone

Reviewer Signature

Date