

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO...

- ✓ Know and understand your rights.
- ✓ Be and feel safe.
- ✓ Be treated fairly no matter your race, sex, culture, religion, abilities, or sexual orientation.
- ✓ Have a say about what happens to you and express your thoughts and feelings.
- ✓ Be properly fed, clothed and cared for.
- ✓ Go to school.
- ✓ Receive medical and dental care.
- ✓ Participate in social and recreational activities.
- ✓ Participate in your religion and culture and speak your language.
- ✓ An interpreter if you are not being understood because of language or abilities.
- ✓ Reasonable privacy.
- ✓ Know and understand the rules, responsibilities and consequences.
- ✓ Talk privately with your lawyer, the Ombudsman, your Member of Parliament or an Advocate.
- ✓ Be told how to contact the Advocacy Office.

If you are 12 or older, YOU ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- ✓ Know that a decision is being made about you in court so that you can go there when it happens.
- ✓ Ask to have a review or an appeal of your placement.
- ✓ Help make your plan of care.

If you are a young person charged with a criminal offence, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- ✓ Know why you are being arrested.
- ✓ Remain silent and contact a lawyer.
- ✓ Call a lawyer AND a parent or adult you trust. The police must give you a number for a lawyer.
- ✓ You have the right to call your lawyer as needed.
- ✓ Have a lawyer represent you.
- ✓ Ask for a Temporary Release (a day or weekend pass).
- ✓ Ask the Custody Review Board to review certain decisions regarding your care.

If it doesn't feel fair, maybe it's not right! Call an advocate!

1-800-263-2841 or 416-325-5669

YOUTH HAVE RIGHTS.

If something doesn't feel FAIR, maybe it's not RIGHT!

If you are in CARE or CUSTODY... 21 or under
and you don't think anyone is listening to you...

*You can call the **ADVOCACY OFFICE!***

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