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503 MR/DD Bill of Rights

Each client is informed of his/her rights upon initiation of services provided by Choices In Community Living, Inc. and his/her rights are reviewed with the client near the time of the yearly Individual Service Plan Meeting. The client and staff member both sign the MR/DD Bill of Rights Form. Maintain the form in the client's file.

New employees receive training to facilitate client's rights during their initial orientation and yearly thereafter.

A copy of client rights are available in each residential facility for advocates, clients and staff to review.

The rights of people with mental retardation or developmental disabilities include, but are not limited to:

- A. The right to be treated at all times with courtesy and respect and with full recognition of their dignity and individuality.
- B. The right to an appropriate, safe and sanitary environment that complies with local, state and federal standards and recognizes the person's need for privacy and independence.
- C. The right to food adequate to meet accepted standards of nutrition.
- D. The right to practice the religion of their choice or to abstain from the practice of religion.
- E. The right of timely access to appropriate medical or dental treatment.
- F. The right of timely access to necessary ancillary services, including, but not limited to, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, and behavior modification and other psychological services.
- G. The right to receive appropriate care and treatment in the least intrusive manner.
- H. The right to privacy, including both periods of privacy and places of privacy.
- I. The right to communicate freely with persons of their choice in any reasonable manner they choose.
- J. The right to ownership and use of personal possessions so as to maintain individuality and personal dignity.
- K. The right to social interaction with members of either sex.
- L. The right of access to opportunities that enable individuals to develop their full human potential.

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- M. The right to pursue vocational opportunities that will promote and enhance economic independence.
- N. The right to be treated equally as citizens under the law.
- O. The right to be free from emotional, psychological and physical abuse.
- P. The right to participate in appropriate programs of education, training, social development and habilitation and in programs of reasonable recreation.
- Q. The right to participate in decisions that affect their lives.
- R. The right to select a parent/advocate to act on their behalf.
- S. The right to manage their personal financial affairs, based on individual ability to do so.
- T. The right to confidential treatment of all information in their personal and medical records except to the extent that disclosure or release of records is permitted under sections 5123.89 and 5126.044 [5126.04.4] of the Ohio Revised Code.
- U. The right to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services without restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal.
- V. The right to be free from unnecessary chemical or physical restraints.
- W. The right to participate in the political process.
- X. The right to refuse to participate in medical, psychological or other research or experiments.

(Reference: Amended Substitute Senate Bill 322, effective May 4, 1986)

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If a client has questions about his/her rights, or if he/she feels his/her rights may have been violated, he/she may call any of the numbers listed below:

Choices In Community Living, Inc.

Montgomery County
Executive Director/Program Director
1651 Needmore Road
Dayton, OH 45414
(937) 898-2220

Clark County
Program Director
2100 East High Street
Springfield, OH 45502
(937) 325-0344

Madison County
Program Director
2100 East High Street
Springfield, Ohio 45420
(937) 325-0344

Other

Ohio Department of Mental Retardation
1810 Sullivant Avenue
Columbus, OH 43223-1239
(740) 644-0378
(800) 231-5872

Section 504 Coordinator
Choices In Community Living, Inc.
1651 Needmore Road
Dayton, OH 45414
(937) 898-2220

Ohio Legal Rights Services
8 East Long Street Fifth Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-2999
(800) 282-9181

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer
Choices In Community Living, Inc.
1651 Needmore Road
Dayton, OH 45414
(937) 898-2220

County Boards

Montgomery County Case Management
Services
8114 North Main Street
Dayton, OH 45415
(937) 890-7338

Montgomery County Boar of DD(Administrative
Offices)
5450 Salem Avenue
Trotwood, OH 45426
(937) 854-1132

Clark County Board of Developmental
Disabilities
1627 Selma Road
Springfield, OH 45505
(937) 328-5245

Clark County Board of Developmental
Disabilities Community Living Services
Service Coordination
1141 Sunset Ave.
Springfield, OH 45505
(937) 328-2683

Madison County Board of Developmental
Disabilities Service Coordination
117 West High St.
P.O. Box 88
London, OH 43140
(740) 852-7050