

## MR/DD BILL OF RIGHTS

Every person has the right to:

- Be treated nicely at all times and as a person
- Have a clean safe place to live and a place to be alone
- Have food that is good for you
- Go to any church, temple, or mosque, if you want
- Go to a doctor or dentist when you want
- Have help with the way you walk, talk, act, feel, or do things with your hands, if you need it
- Have people help and teach you, if you want
- Have time and a place to be by yourself
- Call, write letters, or talk to anyone you want about anything you want.
- Have your own things and be able to use them
- Have men and women as friends
- Join in activities and do things that will help you grow to be the best person you can be
- Work and make money
- Be treated like everyone else
- Be treated with respect (not be hit, yelled at, cursed, or called names that hurt you)
- Learn new things, make friends, have activities to do, and go out in your community
- Tell people what you want and be part of making plans or decisions about your life
- Ask someone you want to help you or let others know how you feel or what you want
- Use your money to pay for things you need and want, with help if you need it
- Say yes or no before people talk about what you do at work, home, or look at your file
- Disagree and ask for changes if you do not like something without getting into trouble
- Refuse medication that you do not need or be held down unless you are hurting yourself or others
- Vote and learn about laws and your community
- Say yes or no to being part of a study or experiment

I have read or have had read and explained to me the MR/DD Bill of Rights as outlined by Ohio Revised Code Sections 5123.62.

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Signature

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Date

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Witness

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Date

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

If you have questions about your rights, or if you feel that your rights may have been violated, please 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  
Suite 700 Arcue Building  
6 West High Street  
Springfield, OH 45502  
(937) 325-0344

Madison County  
Program Director  
25 West Fifth Street  
London, OH 43140  
(740) 845-0237

**Other**

Ohio Department of MR/DD  
1810 Sullivant Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43223-1239  
(614) 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 Service  
50 West Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(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 Department of Investigative  
Services  
One Elizabeth Place  
Dayton, OH 45408  
(937) 457-2765

Montgomery County Board of MR/DD  
(Administrative Offices)  
5450 Salem Avenue  
Trotwood, OH 45426  
(937) 837-9200

Clark County Board of MR/DD  
1627 Selma Road  
Springfield, OH 45505  
(937) 328-5245

Clark County Board of MR/DD  
Community Living Services  
Service Coordination  
1535 Progress Drive  
Springfield, OH 45505  
(937) 328-2683

Madison County Board of MR/DD  
Service Coordination  
117 West High Street  
P.O. Box 88  
London, OH 43140  
(740) 852-7050