

Rights of Children in Care

Residents and families will be informed of their rights upon admission. It is the responsibility of the staff to ensure that rights are upheld and not infringed upon. Rights and responsibilities are reviewed with all clients and their families in all Plan of Care meetings.

1. To speak in private with, visit and receive visits from members of his/her family.
2. To speak in private with and receive visits from his/her solicitor, a person representing the child, including his/her ombudsman or members of the Provincial Ombudsman's staff, members of the Legislative Assembly or Members of Parliament.
3. To send and receive written communications (mail and electronic communication of any kind) that are not read, examined or censored by another person.
4. To reasonable privacy and personal possessions.
5. To receive religious instruction and participate in the religious activities of his or her choice.
6. To a plan of care designed to meet the child's particular needs, which shall be prepared within 30 days of admission of the residence, 60 days and 90 days thereafter.
7. To participate in the development of the plan of care and in any changes made to it.
8. Receive meals that are well-balanced, of good quality and appropriate for the child.
9. To be provided clothing that is of good quality and appropriate for the child, given the child's size and activities and prevailing weather conditions.
10. To receive medical and dental care at regular intervals, in a community setting wherever possible.
11. To receive an education that corresponds to the child's aptitudes and abilities in a community setting wherever possible.
12. To participate in recreational activities that are appropriate for the child's aptitudes and interests in a community setting wherever possible.
13. To be heard, consulted and express his/her views to the extent that is practical, given level of understanding, whenever significant decisions concerning the child are made.
14. To be informed upon admission to the program, in a language suitable to his/her level of understanding, of:
 - a. the child's rights under this part
 - b. the internal complaints procedures
 - c. the existence of the office of the Provincial Ombudsman
 - d. the review procedures available for children twelve years of age or older (Voluntary Access to Services)
 - e. the child's responsibilities while in the placement
 - f. the rules governing day to day operation of the program including disciplinary procedures.