

Bill of Rights Training How to Help Individuals Understand Their Rights

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Rights

- Human rights are the idea that people should have rights just because they are human beings. These rights are seen as universal, which means they are meant for everyone, no matter what their race, religion, ethnicity, nationality, age, sex, political beliefs (or any other kinds of beliefs), intelligence, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
- **Rights** are due to a person by law, tradition or nature, which means we all have rights.

Why do Individuals with DD have rights written in law?

- History has shown that persons with developmental disabilities have not always been treated well by society and were not always afforded the same rights and protections.
- The Individuals we serve have not been given special rights, but rather these rights were written into law to ensure that people with DD are assured the means to exercise and enjoy the rights that we all do.

WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBITLITIES REGARDING AN INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHTS?

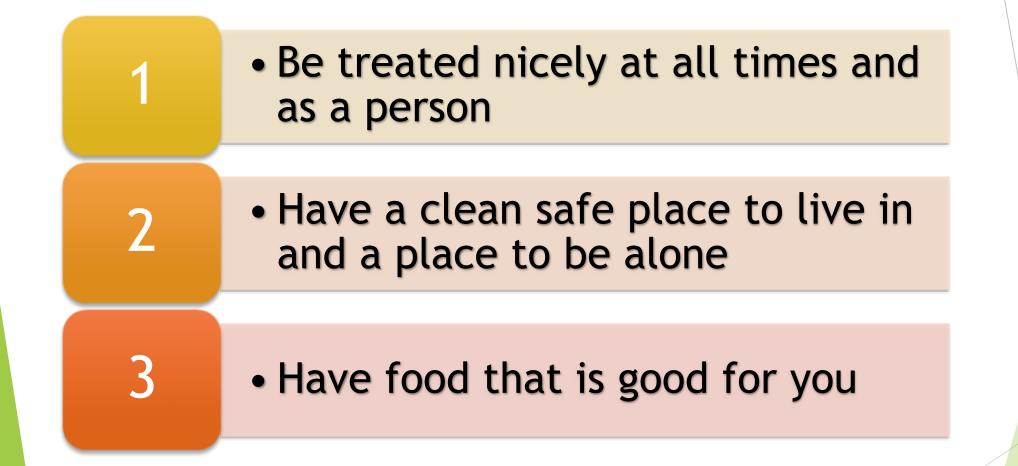
- As a provider, you have a responsibility to have a solid knowledge about these rights.
- As a provider you are in a position to help people exercise their rights, help them to advocate for their rights, and help them report rights code violations.
- Each provider shall make available to all persons receiving services and all employees and visitors a copy of the list of rights and the addresses and telephone numbers of the county board of DD in the county in which the provider provides services.

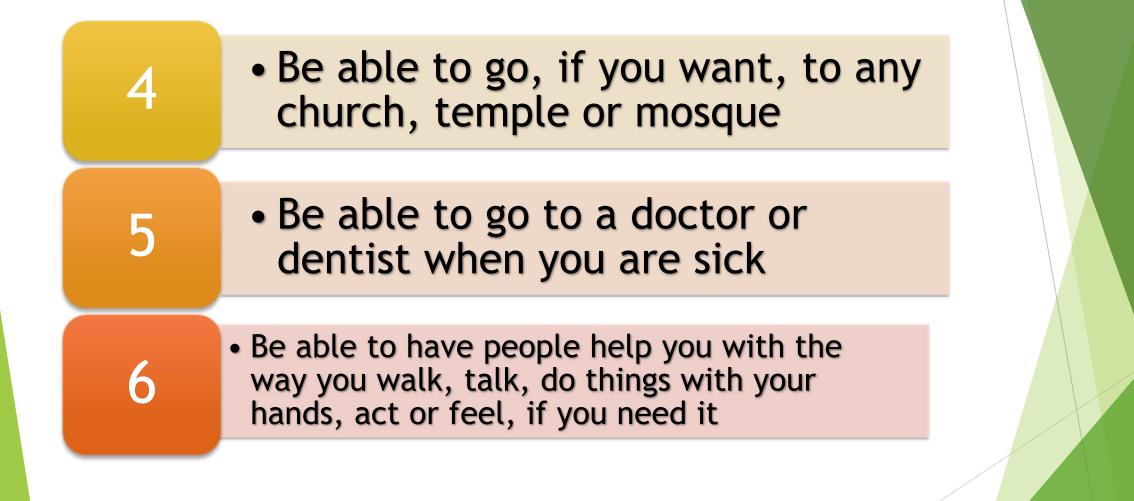
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- The provider shall also be responsible for answering any questions and giving any explanations necessary to assist the Individual to understand the rights in this training. Instructions in these rights shall be documented,
- Ensure that Individuals being served have the right to confidential treatment of all information in their personal and medical records.
 Breeches in confidentiality include conversations with or regarding an Individual in a public area, where others could hear private information.
- Every provider of services to persons with DD shall establish policies and programs to ensure that all staff members are familiar with the rights listed in section 5123.62 of the Ohio Revised Code and observe those rights in their contacts with persons receiving services.

Rights for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

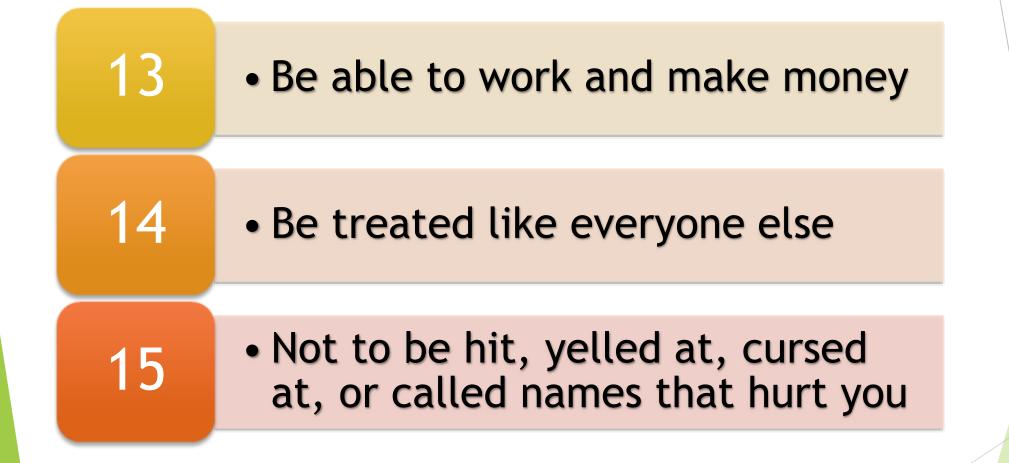
- There are 24 rights outlined in ORC 5123.62.
- The Rights of Persons with Developmental Disabilities were established in Ohio law in 1986 with the most recent update in 2000.
- Rights of people with developmental disabilities have been addressed through legislation at the national level since 1963.





7	 Be able to have people help and teach you, if you want 	
8	 Be able to have time and a place to go to be by yourself 	
9	 Be able to call, write letters, or talk to anyone you want about anything you want 	

10	 Be able to have your own things and be able to use them 	
11	 Be able to have men and women as friends 	
12	 Be able to join in activities and do things that will help you grow to be the best person you can be 	



16	 Be able to learn new things, make friends, have activities to do, and go out in your community 	
17	 Be able to tell people what you want and be part of making places or decisions about your life 	
18	 Be able to ask someone you want to help you, let others know how you feel or what you want 	
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19	 Be able to use your money to pay for things you need and want with help, if you need it 	
20	 Be able to say yes or no before people talk about what you do at work or home or look at your file 	
21	 Be able to complain or ask for changes if you don't like something without being afraid of getting into trouble 	

22	 Not be given medication that you don't need, or be help down if you are not hurting yourself or others
23	 To vote and learn about laws and your community
24	 To say yes or no to being part of a study or experiment