



A child and the child's family have the right to lodge a grievance or complaint with the facility for an alleged violation of specific or civil rights without fear of retaliation.

A child may not be discriminated against because of race, color, religious creed, disability, handicap, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age or sex.

A child may not be abused, mistreated, threatened, harassed or subject to corporal punishment.

A child has the right to be treated with fairness, dignity and respect.

A child has the right to be informed of the rules of the facility.

A child has the right to communicate with others by telephone subject to reasonable facility policy and written instructions from the contracting agency or court, if applicable, regarding circumstances, frequency, time, payment and privacy.

A child shall have the right to visit with family at least once every 2 weeks, at a time and location convenient for the family, the child and the facility, unless visits are restricted by court order. This right does not restrict more frequent family visits.

A child has the right to receive and send mail.

- Outgoing mail may not be opened or read by staff persons.
- Incoming mail from Federal, State, or county officials, or from the child's attorney, may not be opened or read by staff.
- Incoming mail from persons other than those specified in paragraph (2), may not be opened or read by staff persons unless there is a reasonable suspicion that contraband, or other information or material that may jeopardize the child's health, safety, or well-being, may be enclosed. If there is a reasonable suspicion that contraband, or other information that may jeopardize the child's health or safety may be enclosed, mail may be opened by the child in the presence of a staff person.

A child has the right to communicate and visit privately with their attorney and clergy.

A child has the right to be protected from unreasonable search and seizure.

A child has the right to practice the religion or faith of choice, or not to practice any religion or faith.

A child has the right to appropriate medical, behavioral health and dental treatment.

A child has the right to rehabilitation and treatment.

A child has the right to inspect their own clinical files. The Project Director may remove information from the file necessary in order to maintain positive progress toward treatment objectives. The item removed and the reason for the removal will be documented prior to the file review. A child may appeal this decision in writing.

A child has the right to be free from excessive medication.

A child may not be subjected to unusual or extreme methods of discipline which may cause psychological or physical harm to the child.

A child has the right to clean, seasonal clothing that is age and gender appropriate.

A child may not be deprived of specific or civil rights.

A child has the right to confidentiality of information.

A child has the right to privacy.

A child has the right to freedom from humiliation, neglect, or financial or other exploitation.

A child has the right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents, and regarding agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents. Our schools have a zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse, assault and harassment.

A child has the right to access to information pertinent to making a decision in sufficient time to facilitate their decision.

A child has the right to informed consent or refusal or expression of choice and withdrawal of consent regarding: service delivery, release of information, concurrent services, composition of the service delivery team and involvement in research.

A child has the right to access or referral to legal entities for appropriate representation.

A child has the right to access self-help and advocacy support services.

A child has the right to adherence to research guidelines and ethics when involved in research.

A child has the right to investigation and resolution of alleged infringement of rights.

A child's visits with family may not be used as a reward or sanction.

A child's rights may not be used as a reward or sanction.

A child has the right to other legal rights as defined by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.