

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

Youth Bill of Rights

**You have the right to live in a safe, healthy, and clean environment, where you are:**

- Treated with dignity and respect.
- Provided healthy food and clean water.
- Provided clean clothing that fits, agrees with your gender expression and is appropriate for the weather. Provided adequate and appropriate personal hygiene items.
- Free from all forms of abuse.
- Given access to all available services, placement, care, and treatment.
- Not discriminated against or harassed for any reason.
- Affirmed and respected if you identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, or Questioning (LGBTQ+)
- In an environment free from bullying.
- Able to report any mistreatment without fear of retaliation or revenge.

**You have the right to the following services:**

- To attend school and receive educational services while on disciplinary or medical status.
- Regular physical exercise and recreation, including time spent outdoors.
- Religious services and voluntary opportunities that can assist with healthy living, life skills, and better decision making.
- Confidential medical, mental health and emergency dental and vision care.

**You have the right to fair and reasonable consequences for inappropriate behaviors but will not be:**

- Deprived or bribed with food or any form of enticement.
- Deprived of sleep, exercise and education.
- Deprived of mattresses, pillows, or blankets, unless there is a documented threat of safety.
- Prevented from having contact with your parents, guardians, or attorneys or from sending and receiving mail.
- Prevented from taking a daily shower or access to a restroom.
- Prevented from receiving medical care.

**You have the right to have regular contact:**

- Through regular visits, telephone calls, and mail with your parents, guardians, your children, juvenile probation officer, and other pre-approved visitors.
- Through supervised, confidential visits, telephone calls, and mail with your attorney, attorney ad litem, Guardian ad Litem, or case manager.

**Your safety and security are of the utmost priority. At all times, you have full access to the Florida Abuse Hotline, 1-800-962-2873 (1-800-96-ABUSE), and the Central Communications Center (CCC), 1-800-355-2280, if over the age 18.**

**You have other rights as follows:**

- To attend all your court hearings.
- To receive a complete orientation at the facility where you are placed, including a copy of your rights.
- To have full access to the Abuse Hotline, 1-800-96-ABUSE (2873) and if over 18, the Central Communications Center (CCC), 1-800-355-2280; twenty-four hours a day, if you feel your health, safety and security are threatened or violated.
- To have the ability to file a complaint, to have any concerns heard and have your concerns reviewed and responded to by department officials according to the Department's Grievance Policy regarding the violation of rights. You will be free from retaliation for making these contacts or complaints.

Youth Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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