

Charter of Rights

(Children/Youth)

As a child/youth, you have the right to¹:

- *live in a caring, secure and nurturing environment where you are fed, clothed and looked after.*
- *be told what is in your plan of care.*
- *be consulted and to express your views, according to your abilities, about important decisions that affect you.*
- *reasonable privacy and to have your own personal belongings.*
- *not to be punished physically or in any other abusive way.*
- *be told how your caregivers expect you to behave, and what will happen if you do not meet their expectations.*
- *receive medical and dental care when you need it.*
- *take part in social and recreational activities if they are available in the community and suited to your interest and abilities.*
- *receive religious instruction and to take part in the religious activities of your choice.*
- *receive guidance and encouragement to keep your cultural heritage.*
- *have an interpreter, if needed, for important decisions around where you live or your care.*
- *privacy during discussions with family members, if the law allows it.*
- *privacy during discussions with legal representatives.*
- *be informed about and to be assisted in contacting a legal representative, including the Ombudsperson.*
- *be informed of your rights and the ways to ensure we respect your rights.*

¹ From the Ministry for Children and Family Development; available on their website at: <http://fbcyicn.ca/your-rights/section-70/>