

Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth

Children and Youth Rights

You Have The Right To...

- Know and understand your rights.
- Be and feel safe.
- Be treated fairly no matter your race, sex, culture, religion, abilities, or sexual orientation.
- Have a say about what happens to you and express your thoughts and feelings.
- Be properly fed, clothed and cared for.
- Go to school.
- Receive medical and dental care.
- Participate in social and recreational activities.
- Participate in your religion and culture and speak your language.
- An interpreter if you are not being understood because of language or abilities.
- Reasonable privacy.
- Know and understand the rules, responsibilities and consequences.
- Talk privately with your lawyer, the Ombudsman, your Member of Parliament or an Advocate.
- Be told how to contact the Advocacy Office.

If you are 12 or older, YOU ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Know that a decision is being made about you in court so that you can go there when it happens.
- Ask to have a review or an appeal of your placement.
- Help make your plan of care.

If you are a young person charged with a criminal offence, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Know why you are being arrested.
- Remain silent and contact a lawyer.
- Call a lawyer AND a parent or adult you trust. The police must give you a number for a lawyer.
- You have the right to call your lawyer as needed.
- Have a lawyer represent you.
- Ask for a Temporary Release (a day or weekend pass).
- Ask the Custody Review Board to review certain decisions regarding your care.

If it doesn't feel fair, maybe it's not right! Call an advocate!

1-800-263-2841 or 416-325-5669

If It's Wrong, Right It!