



## IDD PARTICIPANT RIGHTS

The participant rights as recognized by the providers of services shall include:

1. The right to receive conflict free services and supports that are person-centered.
2. The right to have access to participate in the local human rights committee (HRC).
3. The right to have access to participate in the local behavior intervention committee (BIC).
4. The right to an available description of the rights and means by which the rights can be exercised and supported including the right to:
  - a. Have entrance doors lockable by the participant and a means to enter the building/home, such as a key or security code to the entrance.
  - b. Be advised on how to change or request a change to their program, activity or services.
  - c. Choose roommate(s)
  - d. Furnish and decorate their sleeping or living area within the lease or other agreement
  - e. Have visitors of their choosing at any time in areas within the home that support private meetings and/or conversation
  - f. Communicate, associate, and meet privately with persons of choice;
  - g. Have full access to typical home facilities such as the kitchen, dining area and laundry, etc.
  - h. Legally enforceable agreement document the eviction and appeals process. The participant/guardian should be named on the lease.
  - i. Select a setting from available options including non-disability specific settings and an option for a private unit in a residential setting (each time a participant moves). Participants should be given the opportunity to visit more than one setting.

- j. Live and work in an integrated setting;
- k. Time, space, and opportunity for personal privacy;
- l. Send and receive unopened mail;
- m. Retain and use personal possessions including clothing and personal articles;
- n. Private, accessible use of a cell phone or telephone;
- o. Access accurate and easy-to-read information;
- p. Be treated with dignity and respect and to maintain one's dignity and individuality;
- q. Voice grievances and complaints regarding services and supports that are furnished without fear of retaliation, discrimination, coercion, or reprisal;
- r. Choose among service providers to include how and to whom to make a request for a new provider;
- s. Accept or refuse services to include daily activities. It should be clear that a participant is not required to adhere to a set schedule for waking, bathing, eating, and activities, etc.
- t. Be informed of and participate in preparing the person-centered service plan and any changes in the person-centered service plan
- u. Be advised in advance of the provider or providers who will furnish services; and frequency and duration of services;
- v. Confidential treatment of all information, including information in the participants records.
- w. Receive services in accordance with the current person-centered service plan.
- x. Be informed of the name, business, telephone number, and business address of the person supervising the services and how to contact the person.
- y. Have the participants property and residence treated with respect.

z. Be fully informed of any cost sharing liability and the consequences if any cost sharing is not paid.

aa. Review the participants records upon request.

ab. Receive adequate and appropriate services without discrimination.

ac. Be free from and educated on mental, verbal, sexual, and physical abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation, corporal or unusual punishment, including interference with daily functions of living.

ad. Be free from mechanical, chemical, or physical restraints.

5. The right to have an appeals system that includes an external mechanism for review of complaints.