



FOSTER CHILD BILL OF RIGHTS

West Virginia Code § 49-2-126



A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR YOU!

As a foster child, you have these rights when possible:

- The right to live in a safe, healthy environment that is the least restrictive possible.
- The right to be free from physical, sexual, or psychological abuse.
- The right to receive adequate and healthy food, appropriate and necessary clothing, and an appropriate travel bag.
- The right to receive medical, dental, vision care, mental health services, and substance abuse treatment.
- The right to be placed in a kinship placement.
- The right to be placed with siblings.
- The right to be informed of medications, when appropriate based on age and development.
- The right to speak in private with caseworkers, GAL, CASA, and other M.D.T. members.
- The right to maintain contact with siblings.
- The right to contact the Foster Care Ombudsman Office.
- The right to communicate with previous caregivers and important adults.
- The right to participate in religious activities.
- The right to attend school and activities.
- The right to develop job skills.
- The right to attend Independent Living Program.
- The right to attend hearings and speak to Court.
- The right not to be subjected to discrimination or harassment.
- The right to information on education options.
- The right to understand these rights.
- The right to receive care consistent with the reasonable and prudent foster care standard.
- The right to meet with your caseworker at least one time per month.

HOW TO CONTACT FOSTER CARE OMBUDSMAN OFFICE:

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