



Understanding My Rights and Responsibilities

A tool used to help the Individual, their family, friends, and staff members better understand the Individuals Rights and Responsibilities.

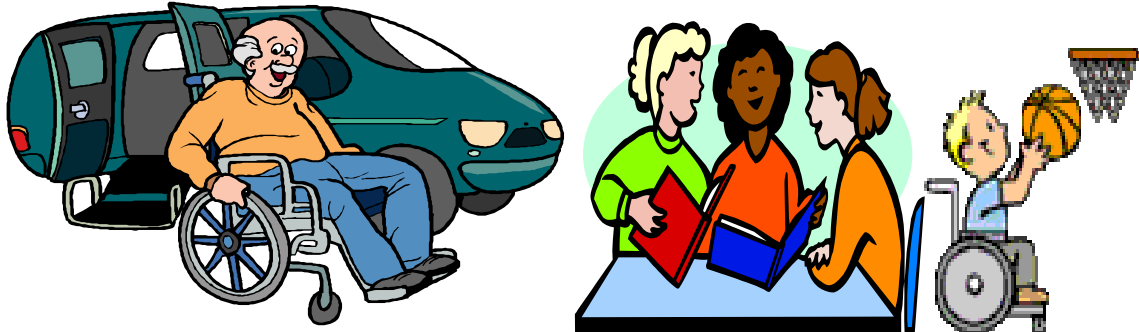


The Rights of a Person with DD

The rights of persons with developmental disabilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

My Rights and Responsibilities

- I have the right to be treated nicely at all times and as a person.



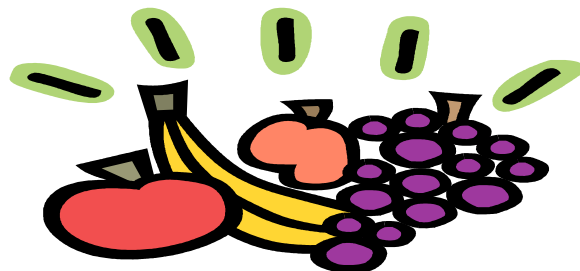
✦ I have the responsibility to know my rights or ask for help if I don't understand them.

- I have the right to live in a safe clean place and have a place where I can be alone.



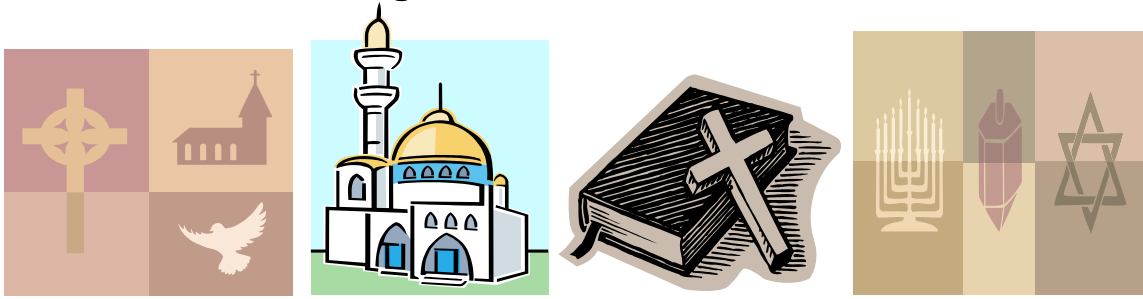
✦ I have the responsibility to keep my home safe and clean. If I live with someone else, I should let him/her be alone.

- I have the right to have food that is healthy and good for me.



✦ I have the responsibility to choose and make food that is good for me. If I need help, I should ask someone.

- I have the right to be able to go to the any church/temple of my choice or not to go at all.



✦ I have the responsibility to choose a church/temple if I want to, and make plans for getting there. If I need help I should ask someone.

- I have the right to be able to go to a doctor or dentist.



✦ I have the responsibility to tell someone when I am sick or hurt.

- I have the right to get help to work better, walk better, talk better, act better or feel better.



✦ I have the responsibility to tell someone that I need help.

- I have the right to be able to have people help and teach me, if I choose.



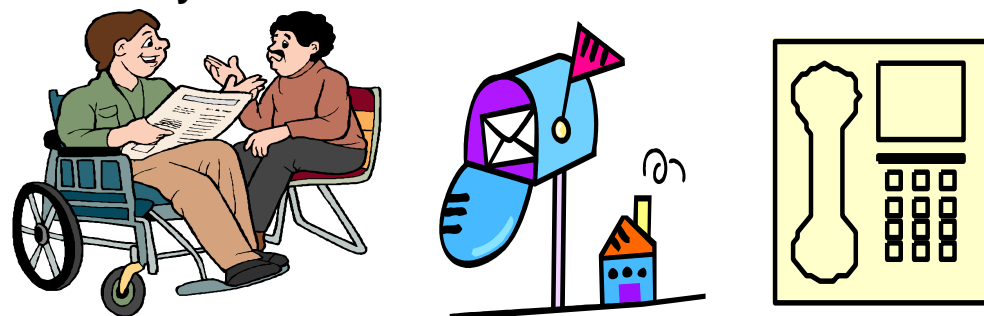
✦ I have the responsibility to ask questions if I don't understand what is happening and to tell someone if I feel I am being forced or pushed to do something I don't want to do.

- I have the right to be able to have the time and a place to go to be by myself.



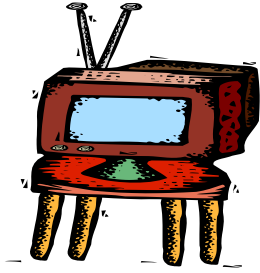
✦ I have the responsibility to tell people that I want to be by myself and to let other people be by themselves too.

- I have the right to be able to call, write letters, or talk to anyone I want, about anything I want, as long as it doesn't bother anyone else.



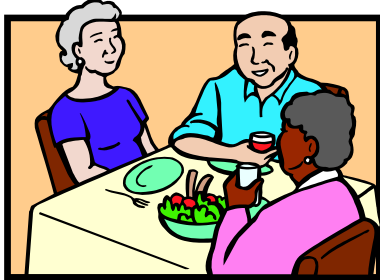
✦ I have the responsibility to let others use the phone and to treat people nicely when I talk to them.

- I have the right to be able to have my own things and be able to use them.



✦ I have the responsibility to keep my things in a safe place.

- I have the right to be able to have men and women as my friends.



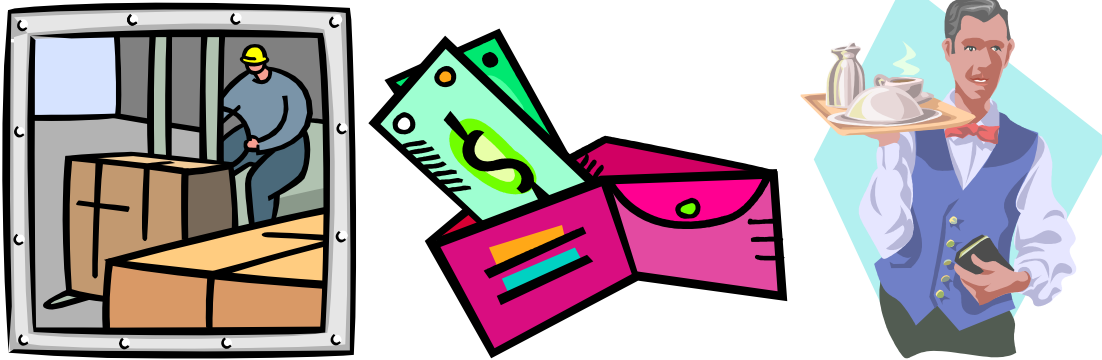
✦ I have the responsibility to be nice to other people and to treat them with respect.

- I have the right to be able to join in activities and do things that will help me grow to be the best person I can be.



✦ I have the responsibility to know what my choices are and make a decision. If I need help, I should ask someone.

- I have the right to be able to work and make money.



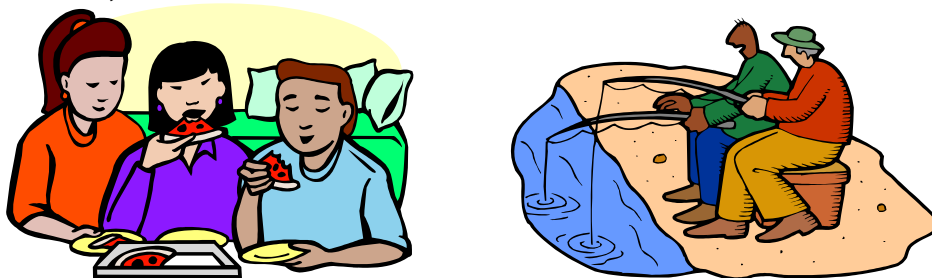
✦ I have the responsibility to look for a job or ask for help with looking for a job.

- I have the right to be treated fairly, like everyone else.



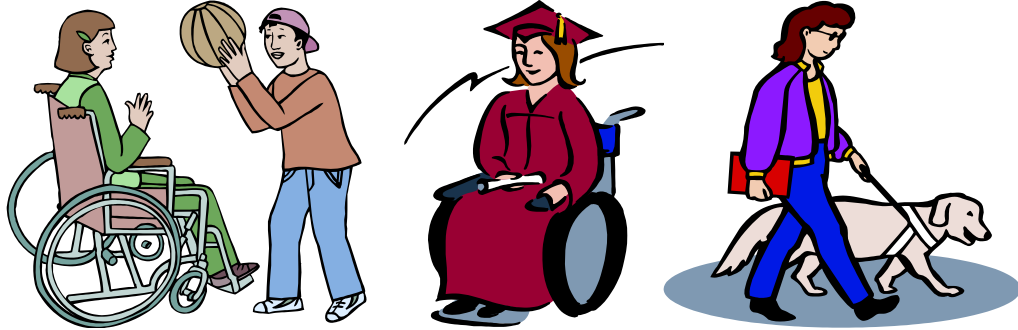
✦ I have the responsibility to know my rights or ask for help if I don't understand them.

- I have the right not to be hit, yelled at, cursed at, hurt, talked about, or called names that hurt me.



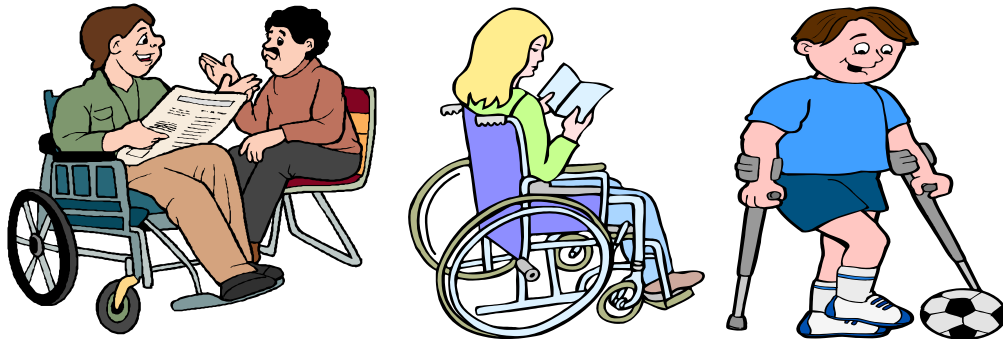
✦ I have the responsibility to tell someone if I am being hurt and to not hurt other people.

- I have the right to be able to learn new things, make friends, have activities to do, and go out in my community.



✦ I have the responsibility to know what my choices are and make a decision about where I will go to school, work, or in the community. If I need help, I should ask someone.

- I have the right to be able to tell people what I want and be part of making plans or decisions about my life.



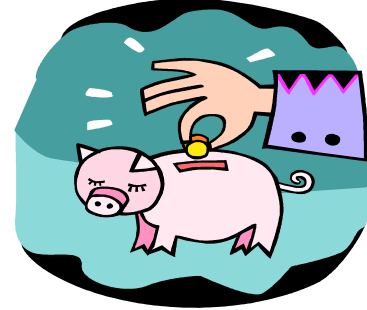
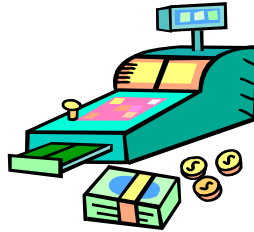
✦ I have the responsibility to learn about my choices and make decisions about things in my life. If I need help, I should ask someone.

- I have the right to be able to ask someone I want, to help me speak for myself or to speak for me, if I need it.



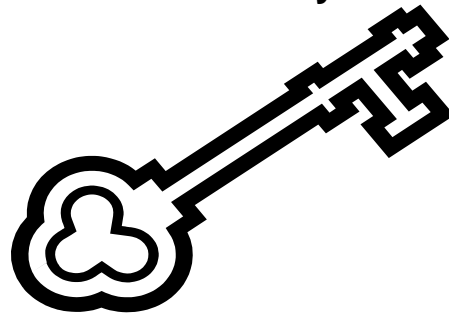
✦ I have the responsibility to ask someone in my family or anyone I want to help me speak for myself or speak for me, if I need it.

- I have the right to be able to use my money to pay for things I need and want; with help, if I need it.



✦ I have the responsibility to take care of my money and pay bills. If I need help, I should ask someone and say how I want it spent.

- I have the right to be able to say yes or no before people talk about what I do at work or home or look at my file.



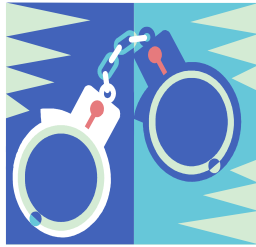
✦ I have the responsibility to keep my information private and not tell other people.

- I have the right to be able to complain or ask for changes if I don't like something without being afraid of getting in trouble.



✦ I have the responsibility to speak out and tell people how I feel about things.

- I have the right not to be given medicine that I don't need or held down if I am not hurting myself or others.



Safety



✦ I have the responsibility to try to control the way I act and to ask for help if I need it.

- I have the right to vote and learn about laws and my community.

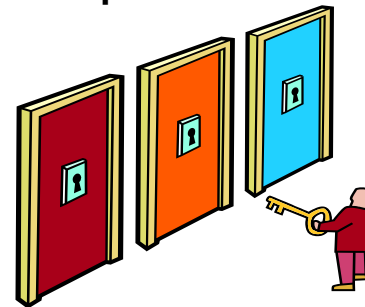


✦ I have the responsibility to register to vote, make choices on who I will vote for, get to the voting place and ask for help if I need it.

- To say yes or no to being part of a study or experiment.



YES OR NO



✦ I have the responsibility to ask questions if I don't understand what is being asked of me and to say no if I don't want to be part of it.

Any person with developmental disabilities who believes that his/her rights as outlined above have been violated, or any other persons rights have been violated, may bring the concern to the attention of the appropriate service provider, or report to the following agencies:

Richland Newhope

Administration / MUI Unit

314 Cleveland Ave.

Mansfield, Oh 44902

(419) 774-4200

Richland Newhope

Service and Support Administration

380 N. Main St. Suite L 100

Mansfield, Oh 44902

(419) 774-4201

After hours emergency number

(419) 774-4244

The Ohio Department of DD

30 East Broad Street, Suite 1280

Columbus, Ohio 43215

1-866-313-6733

The Ohio Legal Rights Service

8 East Long Street, 5th Floor

Columbus, Ohio 43215

1-800-282-9181

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This is the annual rights review for _____,

Date _____.

A right is something that _____ has and can never be taken

away. _____ has been told that they can report any rights

violation to any staff person who will follow the policies and procedures and report it

to the correct person.

I _____ have reviewed the rights with

_____ and have went over each picture with them.

Individual's name: _____

Individual's signature: _____

Staff's name: _____

Staff's signature: _____

Date: _____