

Rights for Individuals with Developmental Delays

1. Be treated nicely at all times and as a person.
2. Have a clean and safe place to live in and a place to be alone.
3. Have food that is good for you.
4. Be able to go, if you want, to any church, temple or mosque.
5. Be able to go to the doctor or dentist when you are sick.
6. Be able to have people help you with the way you walk, talk, do things with your hands, act or feel, if you need it.
7. Be able to have people help and teach you, if you want.
8. Be able to have time and a place to go to be by yourself.
9. Be able to call, write letters or to talk to anyone you want about anything you want.
10. Be able to have your own things and be able to use them.
11. Be able to have men and women as friends.
12. Be able to join activities and do things that will help you grow to be the best person you can be.
13. Be able to work and earn money.
14. Be treated like everyone else.
15. Not to be hit, yelled at, cursed at, or called names that hurt you.
16. Be able to learn new things, make friends, have activities to do, and go out in your community.
17. Be able to tell people what you want and be part of making plans or decisions about your life.
18. Be able to ask someone you want to help you, let others know how you feel or what you want.
19. Be able to use your money to pay for things you need and want with help, if you need it.
20. Be able to say yes or no before people talk about what you do at work or home as well as look at your file.
21. Be able to complain or ask for changes if you don't like something without being afraid or getting into trouble.
22. Not to be given medicine that you don't need or held down if you are not hurting yourself or others.
23. To vote and learn about laws and your community.
24. To say yes or no to being part of a study or experiment.

**Adapted from Section 5123.62 of the Ohio revised Code.

I have read these rights and understand that upon the event of my child's eighteenth birthday, these rights will be transferred to them and they will become their own legal guardian in the eyes of the law unless guardianship is sought by myself or my child's family.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date