

**CHILDREN'S RIGHTS**  
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Columbiana County Department of Job and Family Services, foster caregivers licensed by CCDJFS or accepting the placement of children from CCDJFS, or Children Services employees of CCDJFS shall not in any way violate any of the following rights of children:

The right to enjoy freedom of thought, conscience, and religion, *or to abstain from the practice of religion*

The right to reasonable enjoyment of privacy.

The right to have his or her opinions heard and be included, to the greatest extent possible, when any decisions are being made affecting his or her life.

The right to receive appropriate and reasonable adult guidance, support, and supervision.

The right to be free from physical abuse and inhumane treatment.

The right to be protected from all forms of sexual exploitation.

The right to receive adequate and appropriate medical care.

The right to receive adequate and appropriate food, clothing and housing.

The right to his or her own money, personal property in accordance with the child's service or case plan.

The right to live in clean, safe surroundings.

The right to participate in an appropriate educational program.

The right to communicate with family, friends and "significant others" from whom he/she is living apart, in accordance with the child's service or case plan.

The right to be taught to fulfill appropriate responsibilities to himself and others.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
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