

# Bill of Rights for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

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| I.    | Be treated nicely at all times and as a person  | XIII.  | Be able to work and make money  |
| II.   | Have a clean safe place to live in and a place to be alone  | XIV.   | Be treated like everyone else   |
| III.  | Have food that is good for you  | XV.    | Not be hit, yelled at, cursed at, or called names that hurt you   |
| IV.   | Be able to go, if you want, to any church, temple, mosque   | XVI.   | Be able to learn new things, make friends, have activities to do, and go out in your community                |
| V.    | Be able to go to a doctor or dentist when you are sick  | XVII.  | Be able to tell people what you want and be part of making plans or decisions about your life                 |
| VI.   | 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 | XVIII. | Be able to ask someone you want to help you, let others know how you feel or what you want                    |
| VII.  | Be able to have people help and teach you, if you want  | XIX.   | Be able to use your money to pay for things you need and want with help, if you need it                       |
| VIII. | Be able to have time and a place to go to be by yourself  | XX.    | Be able to say yes or no before people talk about what you do at work or home or look at your file            |
| IX.   | Be able to call, write letters or talk to anyone you want about anything you want                                   | XXI.   | Be able to complain or ask for changes if you don't like something without being afraid of getting in trouble |
| X.    | Be able to have your own things and be able to use them   | XXII.  | Not be given medicine that you don't need, or be held down if you are not hurting yourself or others          |
| XI.   | Be able to have men and women as friends  | XXIII. | To vote and learn about laws and your community   |
| XII.  | Be able to join in activities and do things that will help you grow to be the best person you can be                | XXIV.  | To say yes or no to being part of a study or experiment.  |

