



YOUTH



HAVE



RIGHTS!



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OFFICE OF
THE CHILD AND
YOUTH ADVOCATE
ALBERTA

Alberta

Lots of young people receive services from child intervention. Sometimes these services are provided when young people live at home. Sometimes services are provided when young people live away from home in places like kinship care, foster homes or group homes.

If I am a young person receiving services from child intervention, I have a caseworker no matter where I am living or who I am living with.

If I am a young person receiving services from child intervention, I have rights.

SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT
RIGHTS ARE...

**I have the right
to live with people who
CARE for & respect me
and keep me**

SAFE.





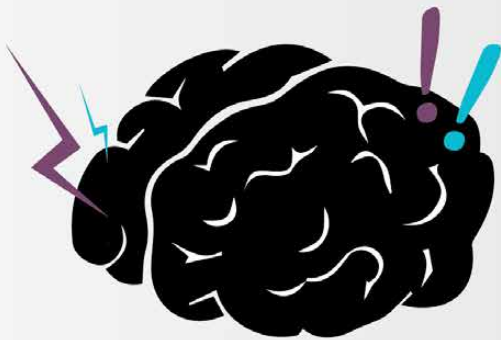
I have the **RIGHT** to know
the plan for *my*
CARE.



I have the **RIGHT** to know
WHY I *am* in
CARE.



I have the right to be who I **AM**.
What I **THINK** and *feel* and want are



IMPORTANT.



**I
have
the right
to KNOW MY own
LIFE STORY.**



I have the right to
KEEP *my* **FAVOURITE** things
and MY belongings with me.





My OPINION is IMPORTANT

and will be seriously

CONSIDERED

when plans ARE
being made.





**I have the right to be
INVOLVED
in decisions that
are made about**

ME



**I have the right to know
why a decision was made.**

I have the right to have **my VOICE**

HEARD in court matters
that are about *me.*





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the right to
WHO I AM, be
to develop my own identity &

**EXPRESS
MYSELF.**



**I have the right
to KNOW my own**

CULTURE
and
RELIGION





I have the right to
CONTACT with *my*
family **AND**
FRIENDS
I have the right to know
WHY, IF I CAN'T.

I have the RIGHT to an



EDUCATION

**equal to what any YOUNG
person in ALBERTA gets.**





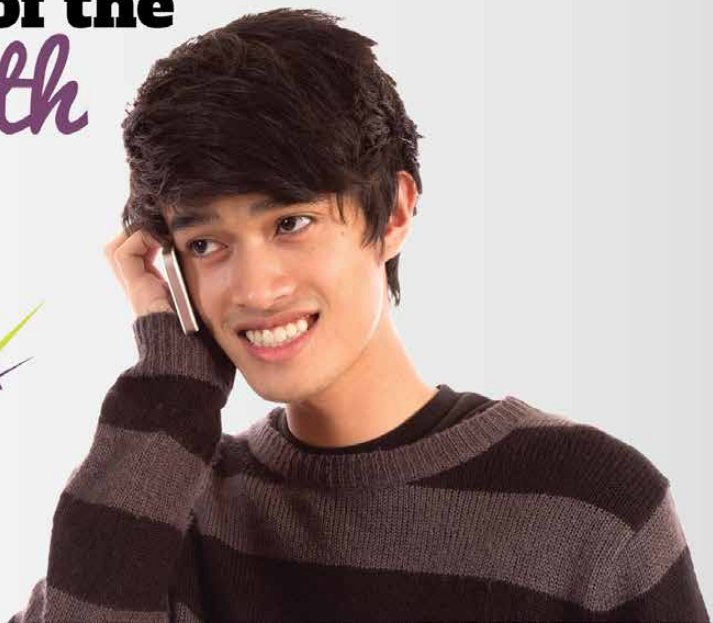
I have the **RIGHT** to
dental, optical,
PHYSICAL
&
mental health
CARE.





I have the right
to **PRIVACY**
when I'M visiting
OR **talking to family**
as long as I'm
SAFE.

**I have the right to know about
and have *help* calling
the OFFICE of the
CHILD and *Youth*
Advocate.**



I have the
RIGHT

to have *my*

RIGHTS

EXPLAINED to me.





I have the right to
PRIVACY

when
I TALK
to my

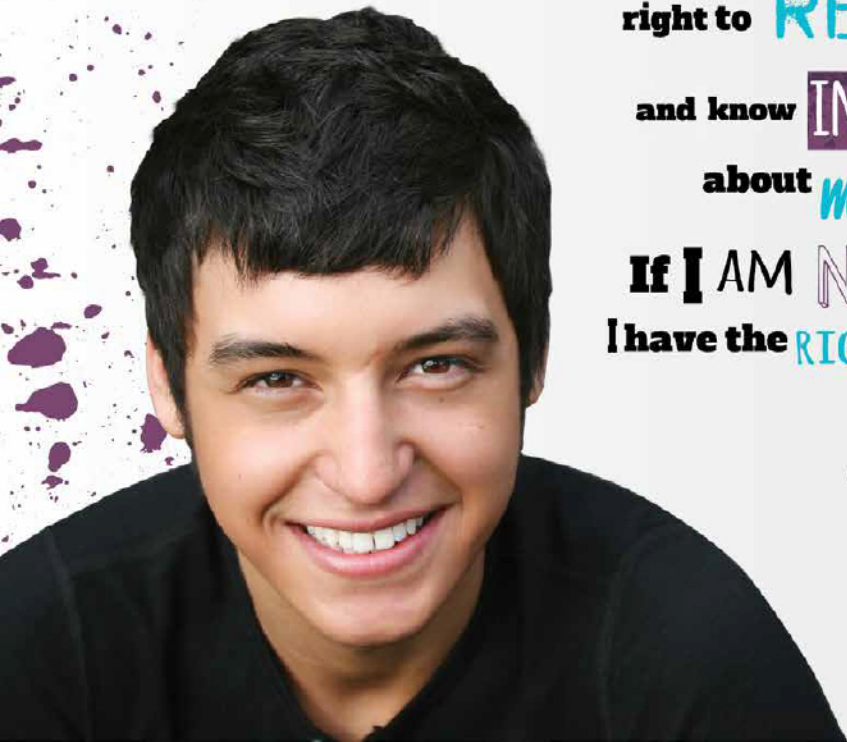
lawyer,
advocate
OR
caseworker.



I have the **RIGHT**
to a reasonable
amount of

★ **FREEDOM** ★
and
PRIVACY.





I have the
right to **REQUEST**

and know **INFORMATION**
about *me* on *my* file.

If I AM NOT ALLOWED
I have the **RIGHT** to know **WHY**.





I have the right

to LEARN to be the

BEST PERSON

I CAN be.



I have the **RIGHT** to plan
for when I leave care,
and this may **INCLUDE**
the *right* to request
SUPPORT until the age of **24.**



IF YOU FEEL THAT YOUR RIGHTS ARE NOT BEING RESPECTED, YOU CAN DO SOMETHING!

ASK QUESTIONS!

- » Call your caseworker. Ask them to explain what your rights are.
- » Talk to someone that you trust—they can be your parent, caregiver, teacher, an elder or pastor, a counselor or a family friend.
- » Ask to speak to your caseworker's boss - you should write down that person's name and phone number.
- » Call the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Office and ask to speak to an advocate.

These rights can be found in the *UN Convention on the Rights of the Child*, (which the province of Alberta endorsed in 1999) and in Alberta laws and government policy.

For more information, visit the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate:

www.ocya.alberta.ca

or the Ministry of Human Services:

www.humanservices.alberta.ca



REMEMBER!

1 You HAVE **Rights**



The Office of the Child and Youth Advocate

Edmonton 780-422-6056

Calgary 403-297-8435

Toll-Free 1-800-661-3446

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IF YOU FEEL THAT *no one is listening* TO YOU AND THAT YOU NEED SOMEONE TO *stand up* FOR YOU,
DO SOMETHING!

- » Call your caseworker
- » Call your caseworker's boss
- » Call the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate



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