

You have the right to ask questions about what is happening to you

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You have the right to have contact with the people you care about and know about your family and cultural history

You have the right to go to school

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You have the right to talk to people about things you don't like or don't understand



This Charter of Rights has been especially written for children and young people who are unable to live with their parents and who are living in short or long-term Out of Home Care in the ACT.

You may be living with someone from your family, or with another family in foster care — or with other children or young people in residential care.

Why is the Charter of Rights important?
The **Charter of Rights** sets out what you can expect from the people who are looking after you and work with you, when you are in care. All of these people have to make sure that the things they do for you — and allow you to do — respect your rights.



If you want help to fix a problem, or if you want someone to act on your behalf, there are lots of people you can talk to.

Your carer _____
Your agency caseworker _____
Your Care and Protection caseworker _____

Children and Young People COR Liaison
Contact 6205 2898

Care and Protection, After Hours Service
1300 556 729

Consumer Advocacy and Quality Service
62050473 or 62074504 or email
DHCSConsumerAdvoca@act.gov.au

CREATE Foundation
1800 655 105
create@create.org.au www.create.org.au

Children and Young People Commissioner
62052222 or email ACTkids@act.gov.au

Public Advocate
62070707 or email pa@act.gov.au

Kids Help Line
1800 55 1800 www.kidshelp.com.au

Lifeline
13114 www.lifeline.org.au

Health Direct Australia
1800 022 222
www.healthdirect.org.au



YOUR RIGHTS
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Your Charter Rights

You have the right to be safe and looked after

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You have the right to be respected

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You have the right to be treated fairly

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You have the right to have fun, play and be healthy

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You have the right to be heard

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You have the right to privacy and have your own things

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