



NOTICE OF RIGHTS

If you are living in foster care or participating in the Foster Youth in Transition Program, you have the rights listed below.

- **You have a right** to be treated fairly and get the help you need. No matter things like where your family comes from, your skin color, your religion, your culture, the gender you identify as, who you love, or some other things that make you who you are. You may not be threatened, punished, or treated badly because you asked questions or shared concerns about your rights.
- **You have a right** to adult guidance, support, and supervision that fits your needs in a safe, healthy, and comfortable place where you are treated with fairness, respect, and dignity.
- **You have a right** to be placed with a foster care provider who knows and understands your history related to your needs, and who has the knowledge and skills to provide for your needs.
- **You have a right** to connect with your community and supports (unless limited by a law or court order). You have a right to contact people who work with you and can answer your questions and listen to your concerns about your rights.

Some of those people could be:

- Your Guardian ad Litem (GAL) _____ (name) at _____ (#).
- Your Counsel for Youth (CFY) _____ (name) at _____ (#).
- Child Protection Ombudsman (an office that investigates concerns) at **720-625-8640**.
- Your County Department of Human Services at _____ (#).
- The Colorado Department of Human Services at **303-866-3275**.



- **You have a right** to a reasonable amount of privacy when you communicate with others and to have documents about you protected as permitted by law.
- **You have a right** to an education, transportation to and from school, participate in cultural and social activities that fit your age and needs, and stay in your school if your placement changes (unless it is not best for you).
- **You have a right** to things that meet your basic needs – like food, clothes, and hygiene products and services that fit your culture and gender identity.
- **You have a right** to have your medical, dental, and mental health needs met.
- **You have a right** to a voice in your case, to go to court hearings, to have people you want at your court hearings, to have a say about where you live and plans for your life, and to have an attorney.
- **You have a right** to things you need as you become an adult – like help with money, getting a job or going to school, and learning how to drive a car.

QUESTIONS? WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Please reach out to your GAL or CFY! You can also visit coloradochildrep.org/youth/foster-youth-rights or scan the below QR code.

