



CLIENT RIGHTS

Date: _____

Client's Name: _____

Client's Signature: _____

It is Redwood's belief that all individuals, regardless of political affiliation, disability, race, color, age, national origin, citizenship, gender, religion, or sexual preference who are receiving our support, should be treated with the same dignity and respect that any adult deserves and receives. This includes the basic belief in the inherent worth of persons served as productive citizens who have the right to be treated with courtesy and honesty, and to have program support that enhances the individual's self-esteem. We believe that each individual we serve has the right to personal choice, social and community inclusion, personal relationships, personal and vocational satisfaction, as well as rights guaranteed to all citizens.

To ensure that all Redwood's personnel, providing support for the individuals that we serve, are aware of the rights of program participants, we have adopted the following written rights. These rights will serve as a guideline for Redwood staff and will be reviewed with all consumers at least once each year. This will assure that all members of the Redwood community adhere to these guidelines as part of Redwood's best practice protocol. All consumers will:

1. Be treated with courtesy and respect and with full recognition of your dignity and individuality at all times.
2. Be provided with an appropriate, safe and sanitary environment
3. Be free to practice the religion of choice and/or to abstain from practicing religion.
4. Have access to appropriate care and treatment in the least intrusive or restrictive manner.
5. Be entitled to privacy, including both periods of privacy and places of privacy.
6. Have timely access to emergency medical treatment.
7. Communicate freely with people of your choice in any reasonable manner you choose.
8. Interact socially with members of either sex.
9. Have ownership and use of personal possessions so as to maintain individuality and personal dignity.
10. Have access to opportunities that enable you to develop your full potential.
11. Pursue vocational opportunities that will promote and enhance your economic independence.
12. Be treated equally as citizens under the law.
13. Be free from physical, emotional, and mental abuse.
14. Not be subjected to abusive language or abusive punishment.
15. Participate in age appropriate programs of education, training, social development, habilitation and in programs of reasonable recreation.

16. Make and/or participate in decisions that affect your life.
17. Select a parent or advocate to act on your behalf if you do not wish to act on your own behalf.
18. Manage your personal financial affairs, based on your individual ability to do so.
19. Be given confidential treatment of all information in your personal and medical records.
20. Be free to voice grievance and recommend changes in policies and services without restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, and reprisal.
21. Be free from unnecessary chemical or physical restraints.
22. Participate in the political process.
23. Refuse to participate in medical, psychological or other research or experiments.
24. Have access to your records at all times.
25. Participate actively in personal decisions indicating personal choice and preference.
26. Choose services from among service providers as you deem fit.
27. Change service providers if you choose to.
28. Request insurance coverage for your personal belongings should they become lost or stolen.
29. Request additional insurance information (if needed).

In addition, the parent(s), guardian, and/or advocate of any consumer receiving services at Redwood has the right to:

1. Have access to the said program participant at all times while the consumer is within our care.
2. Have access to the primary care provider of the consumer during normal hours of provider operation as long as it does not interfere with the activities/programs of other program participants.

It is the intent of Redwood that all individuals receiving support be aware of their individual rights. Upon intake, and annually thereafter, each individual receiving support through Redwood will receive a copy of the aforementioned rights. Ongoing efforts to ensure understanding of rights will be implemented annually.

I have been given a copy of this list of rights and they have been explained to me.

(Client/Parent/Guardian/Advocate)

(Date)

(Witness Signature)

(Date)

The above document is intended to outline basic rights of consumers receiving support through Redwood's Adult Services. It is not intended to be construed as an exhaustive statement.