

**STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGING PERSONAL RIGHTS**

- (a)** A Resource Family (RF) shall ensure that each child and nonminor dependent is accorded the personal rights specified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9.
- (b)** In addition to subsection (a), a RF shall ensure that each child is accorded the following personal rights:
- (1) To be informed of and exercise their personal rights without harassment or punishment.
  - (2) To be free from corporal or unusual punishment; infliction of pain; humiliation; intimidation; ridicule; coercion; threat; physical, sexual, emotional, mental, or other abuse; or other actions of a punitive nature including interference with the daily living functions of eating, sleeping, or toileting, or withholding of shelter, clothing, medication, or aids to physical functioning.
  - (3) To make and receive confidential telephone calls and send and receive unopened mail and electronic communication, unless prohibited by court order.
    - (A) Unless prohibited by court order or the placement agency for the child, a child may acquire, possess, and use his or her own cellular telephone.
      - i. Reasonable restrictions on the use of a cellular telephone may be imposed by a RF, if approved by the social worker or probation officer for a child.
  - (4) To have access to letter writing material.
  - (5) To be accorded dignity in his or her personal relationships with other persons in the home.
  - (6) To be free from unreasonable searches of person.
  - (7) Not to be restrained or placed in any restraining device.
  - (8) To obtain, possess and use contraception including, but not limited to, birth control medication, emergency contraception, long-acting reversible contraceptives, condoms, and barrier methods.
  - (9) To be free to accept or decline a RF's request to babysit the RF's children, including adopted, biological, foster, and guardianship children.
  - (10) To be provided with and allowed to acquire, possess, and use adequate personal items, which includes his/her own:
    - (A) Clothes, provided the clothes are age-appropriate, do not violate school standards when worn during school activities, and are in accordance with the gender identity of the child.
    - (B) Toiletries and personal hygiene products, including enclosed razors used for shaving, as age or developmentally appropriate.
    - (C) Belongings, including items that were a gift to the child.
  - (11) Provided the rights of others are not infringed upon, to have visitors that include:
    - (A) Relatives, unless prohibited by court order.
    - (B) The authorized representative for the child.
    - (C) Other visitors, unless prohibited by court order or by the authorized representative for the child.
  - (12) To be informed, and to have his or her authorized representative informed, by the RF of the provisions of law regarding complaints, the address and telephone number of the County, and about the confidentiality of complaints.
  - (13) To be accorded the independence appropriate to the age, maturity, and capability of the child consistent with the child's needs and services plan or the Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP), if applicable.
  - (14) To have private or personal information, including, but not limited to, any medical condition or treatment, psychiatric diagnosis or treatment, history of abuse, educational records, sexual orientation, gender identity, and information relating to the biological family of the child, maintained in confidence.
    - (A) A RF shall disclose information about the child to a County, the Juvenile Court, and the child's biological family, social worker, placement worker, probation officer, tribe, physician, psychiatrist, CASA, attorney, and authorized representative, unless the disclosure is prohibited by court order.
    - (B) As needed to ensure appropriate care, supervision, or education of the child, a RF shall disclose information to respite care providers, occasional short-term babysitters, alternative caregivers, school officials, and other persons, unless the disclosure is prohibited by court order.
  - (15) To receive medical, dental, vision, and mental health services.
    - (A) Medical services may include, but are not limited to, services related to the prevention or treatment of pregnancy, sexual assault, or rape; and at 12 years of age or older, the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of sexually-transmitted diseases.
      - (i) A child may consent personally to the services described in subsection (A), without the knowledge or consent of a parent, guardian, social worker, probation officer, judge, or authorized representative.
      - (ii) A child may obtain these services confidentially, unless prohibited by law.
- (c)** In addition to subsection (a), a RF shall ensure that each nonminor dependent is accorded the following personal rights:

- (1) The rights specified in paragraphs (1) through (9) of subsection (b).
- (2) To be provided with and allowed to acquire, possess, maintain, and use adequate personal items which include the nonminor dependent's own:
- (A) Clothes.
  - (B) Toiletries and personal hygiene products.
  - (C) Belongings, including gifts to the nonminor dependent, furniture, equipment, and supplies, for his or her personal living space in accordance with his or her interests, needs, and tastes.
- (3) To have adequate privacy for visitors that include:
- (A) Relatives, unless prohibited by court order.
  - (B) The placement agency.
  - (C) Other visitors, unless prohibited by court order.
- (4) To be informed by the RF of the provisions of law regarding complaints, the address and telephone number of the County, and about the confidentiality of complaints.
- (5) To have the independence appropriate to the status of a legal adult, consistent with the needs and services plan or the TILP for the nonminor dependent.
- (6) To have private or personal information, including any medical condition or treatment, psychiatric diagnosis or treatment, history of abuse, educational records, and information relating to the biological family of the nonminor dependent, maintained in confidence.
- (A) There shall be no release of confidential information without the prior written consent of a nonminor dependent, and this information shall only be released to the extent permitted by law.
    - (i) A RF shall, with the consent of a nonminor dependent, only disclose relevant and necessary information about the nonminor dependent.
    - (ii) A RF shall disclose information about a nonminor dependent to a County, the Juvenile Court, and the nonminor dependent's biological family, nonminor dependent's social worker, placement worker, probation officer, tribe, physician, psychiatrist, CASA, attorney, and authorized representative, unless the disclosure is prohibited by court order.
    - (iii) As needed to ensure appropriate care, supervision, or education of a nonminor dependent, a RF shall disclose information to school officials and other persons, unless disclosure is prohibited by court order.
- (7) To access information regarding available educational, training, and employment options of the nonminor dependent's choosing.
- (8) To select, obtain, prepare, and store food of the nonminor dependent's choosing.
- (9) To select, obtain, or decline medical, dental, vision, and mental health care and related services at the nonminor dependent's discretion.
- (10) To leave or depart the home at any time at the nonminor dependent's discretion.
- (11) To acquire, possess, maintain, and use a personal vehicle for transportation.
- (12) To acquire, possess, and use a personal cellular telephone.
- (d)** In ensuring the rights of a child or a nonminor dependent, a RF is not required to take any action that would impair the health and safety of a child, nonminor dependent, or others in the home consistent with Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9(b).
- (1) A RF is not prohibited from taking the following actions for the protection of a child, nonminor dependent, or others in the home:
    - (A) Establishing house rules, that may include rules regarding visitation that shall apply to all visitors; curfew; dating; completing homework; laundry and cleaning bedrooms and other areas; and use of entertainment equipment.
    - (B) Locking exterior doors and windows as long as a child or nonminor dependent can enter or exit the home.
- (e)** At the following times, a RF shall ensure a child or nonminor dependent is verbally notified in an age or developmentally appropriate manner, of his or her rights as specified in this section and in Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9, and provided with a written copy of these rights and information regarding agencies a child or nonminor dependent may contact concerning violation of these rights:
- (1) Upon placement in the home.
  - (2) Upon the request of a child or a nonminor dependent.
  - (3) Each time a new right has been added to Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9 or this section.

My signature below confirms that I have received a copy of the Child's Personal Rights and agree to ensure the child(ren) is/are provided these rights.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

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