

Your Rights



While at Brewer-Porch Children's Center, you have the right:

TO KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

- To be given a copy of this poster
- For you or your guardian to get a copy of your rights
- To have your rights told to you in words you can understand
- To talk to someone you trust if you think your rights are not being honored

TO BE RESPECTED

- To be treated respectfully by staff members
- To be looked after by people who care for you and will keep you safe
- To be treated like other children not in treatment when possible
- To be told the rules you must follow and, when possible, why they are necessary

TO BE A HEALTHY KID

- To do things all kids can do, like going to school and places in the community
- To have enough food to eat, water to drink, time to rest and play, and fresh air to play in
- To get help when you are sick or hurt
- To get any help you might need at school
- To take part in treatment and activities even if you need extra help to do so

TO SAFETY

- To not be spanked, hit, bullied, or hurt by staff
- To not be held or secluded unless you are not being safe to yourself or other people
- To get medication only when it will help you do your best or help you to be safe

TO BE INVOLVED IN YOUR TREATMENT

- To have treatment planned specifically for you
- To talk to the treatment team and help to make your treatment plan
- To know who will help you and how they will do so
- To ask questions and to make suggestions
- To know what you need to do to leave treatment, and who will help you when you do leave

TO PRIVACY

- To have things about you or your treatment only shared with people who need to know
- To only be searched or have your things searched when there is a good reason to do so
- To have privacy in the bathroom
- To have privacy to talk to your therapist

IF YOU LIVE AT BREWER-PORCH, YOU HAVE SOME OTHER RIGHTS:

- To have a safe, clean place to sleep
- To have a place to keep your things
- To talk to your family or others who are approved by your legal guardian
- To send and receive mail
- If it is okay with your guardian, to have private space to visit or talk with your family or other visitors
- Attend church or participate in other religious activities

HOW TO GET HELP:

If you think your rights are not being honored or you are having a problem with your rights, you should talk about it with someone you trust:

Staff	Parent/Guardian
Therapist	Social Worker
Program Coordinator	BPCC Leadership

Here are some other people you can talk to as well:

- BPCC Internal Advocate (Dane Cameron): 348-9367
- DMH Office of Advocacy Services:
1-800-367-09555 or 334-242-3453
- ADAP: 1-800-826-1675
- DHR Protective Services: 205-554-1100

You can also make suggestions in the suggestion boxes around BPCC, which we check regularly