



RIGHTS

AND

RESPONSIBILITIES

Protection & Advocacy System, Inc.



**As an American citizen,
you have many rights.**

**One very important right is to be free
from restraint, seclusion, or being held
against your will unless it is necessary
to keep you or other people safe.**

**These are some of your other rights
(unless they have been changed by a guardian):**

☺ Live as independently as possible

☺ Make choices to work

☺ Make choices to play

☺ Make choices about housing

☺ Exercise

☺ Be with family

☺ Be with friends

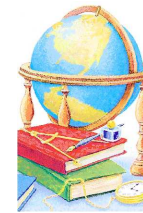
☺ Be left alone

☺ Choose your clothes

☺ Use the telephone



- ☺ Use private email
- ☺ Send or receive unopened mail
- ☺ Privacy when dressing
- ☺ Privacy when bathing
- ☺ Vote if you qualify under the Wyoming Election Code
- ☺ Choose or not choose a religion
- ☺ Own, use and protect your own things
- ☺ Keep and spend some of your own money
- ☺ Education/Training/Habilitation
- ☺ To be treated with dignity and respect
- ☺ Emergency medical care
- ☺ Receive necessary medical supports
- ☺ Decline medical treatments
- ☺ Refuse medication
- ☺ Make informed decisions about your healthcare
- ☺ Be free from being hurt or yelled at



These are some of your responsibilities:

Cooperate and participate with your team to help develop your Individual Plan of Care

Treat others as you want to be treated

Take care of your own things

Spend your money wisely

Keep your money safe

Ask for help when you need it

Follow the rules

Be on time for activities or jobs

Share your choices, wishes, and desires with your team

Tell others when you are sick or hurt

Tell your team or doctor about problems with your treatment or medicines

Say “NO” to illegal drugs

Say “NO” to anything that will harm you



These are some of your program's responsibilities:

Support you in gaining skills to live as independently as possible

Provide you with information in your Individual Plan of Care if any of your rights need to be changed

Provide you help when you need some or when you ask for help

Make sure you are informed about medical decisions you need to make

Make sure that seclusion or restraint are not used as treatment

Develop your Individual Plan of Care that considers your needs, wishes, and choices and supports your independence



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