

Client Rights/Rights of Persons Served

The Executive Director, along the rest of the Management Team and all employees of Advocate, are responsible for creating Client Rights and for insuring that these rights are not violated.

Clients should be informed of these rights upon admission and throughout their treatment.

A copy of these rights shall be published on Advocate's web site, www.AdvocateSupport.com. The Executive Director shall be responsible for publishing updates on the web site.

A copy of these rights shall be included in Advocate's Client Orientation Handbook.

The following are a list of rights that pertain to Clients enrolled in Advocate's PRP.

All Clients have:

- 1 The right to be treated with consideration and respect for personal dignity, autonomy and privacy.
- 2 The right to service in a humane setting which is the least restrictive feasible as defined in the treatment plan.
- 3 The right to be informed of one's own condition, of proposed or current services, treatment or therapies, and of the alternatives.
- 4 The right to consent to or refuse any service, treatment, or therapy upon full explanation of the expected consequences of such consent or refusal. A parent or legal guardian may consent to or refuse any service, treatment or therapy on behalf of a minor client.
- 5 The right to informed consent - or refusal or expression of choice—concerning service delivery, release of information, concurrent services, and/or composition of the service delivery team.
- 6 The right to a current, written, individualized service plan that addresses one's own mental health, physical health, social and economic needs, and that specifies the provision of appropriate and adequate services, as available, either directly or by referral.
- 7 The right to active and informed participation in the establishment, periodic review, and reassessment of the service plan.
- 8 The right to freedom from unnecessary or excessive medication.

- 9 The right to freedom from unnecessary restraint or seclusion.
- 10 The right to freedom from abuse, financial or other exploitation, retaliation, humiliation and neglect
- 11 The right to participate in any appropriate and available agency service, regardless of refusal of one or more other services, treatments, or therapies, or regardless of relapse from earlier treatment in that or another service, unless there is a valid and specific necessity which precludes and/or requires the client's participation in other services. This necessity shall be explained to the client and written in the client's current service plan.
- 12 The right to be informed of and refuse any unusual or hazardous treatment procedures.
- 13 The right to be advised of and refuse observation by techniques such as one-way vision mirrors, tape recorders, televisions, movies or photographs.
- 14 The right to have the opportunity to consult with independent treatment specialists or legal counsel, at one's own expense.
- 15 The right to access or referral to legal entities appropriate for representation
- 16 The right to confidentiality of communications and of all personally identifying information within the limitations and requirements for disclosure of various funding and/or certifying sources, state or federal statutes, unless release of information is specifically authorized by the client or parent or legal guardian of a minor client or court-appointed guardian of the person of an adult client in accordance with rule 5122:2-3-11 of the Administrative Code.
- 17 The right to have access to one's own psychiatric, medical or other treatment records, unless access to particular identified items of information is specifically restricted for that individual client for clear treatment reasons in the client's treatment plan. "Clear Treatment Reasons" shall be understood to mean only severe emotional damage to the client such that dangerous or self-injurious behavior is an eminent risk. The person restricting the information shall explain to the client and other persons authorized by the client the factual information about the individual client that necessitates the restriction. The restriction must be renewed at least annually to retain validity. Any person authorized by the client has unrestricted access to all information. Clients shall be informed in writing of agency policies and procedures for viewing or obtaining copies of personal records.
- 18 Access to information pertinent to the person served, in a timely enough way to facilitate their decision making

- 19 The right to be informed in advance of the reason(s) for discontinuance of service provision, and to be involved in planning for the consequences of that event.
- 20 The right to receive an explanation of the reasons for denial of service.
- 21 The right not to be discriminated against in the provision of service on the basis of religion, race, color, creed, sex, gender-identity, national origin, age, lifestyle, physical or mental disability, developmental disability, or inability to pay.
- 22 The right to know the cost of services.
- 23 The right to be fully informed of all rights.
- 24 The right to exercise any and all rights without reprisal or retaliation in any form including continued and non-compromised access to service.
- 25 The right to file a grievance, and be kept informed of the investigation and resolution of alleged infringements of rights.
- 26 The right to have oral and written instructions for filing a grievance.
- 27 The right to access or obtain referral to self-help support services
- 28 The right to access or obtain referral to advocacy support services
- 29 If applicable and choice- involved, the right to adherence to research guidelines and related ethics considerations
- 30 Other legal rights