Rights of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

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Each person living in or receiving services in this facility has the following rights:

* You have the right to wear your own clothes. You should be able to pick the clothes you wear.
* You have the right to be treated well and with respect.
* You have the right to spend time alone or alone with a friend.
* You have the right to go to school.
* You have the right to see a doctor as soon as you need to.
* You have the right to be involved in a religion if you want to be.
* You have the right to meet people and take part in your community activities.
* You have the right to exercise and have fun.
* You have the right to say “NO” to drugs, being tied or held down, or being forced to be alone unless it is necessary to protect you or someone else.
* You have the right to say “NO” to things that will put you in danger.
* You have the right to make choices about where you live, who you live with, the way you spend your time and who you spend your time with.
* You may have other rights as provided by law or regulation.
* You have the right to keep and spend your own money on the things that
* You have the right to keep your own things in a private place that you can get into when you want.
* You have the right to see your friends, family, girlfriends or boyfriends every day.
* You have the right to use the telephone privately to make or get calls.
* You have the right to have paper, stamps and envelopes for writing letters.
* You have the right to mail and get letters that are not opened.
* You have the right to say “NO” to electric shock therapy.
* You have the right to say “NO” to anybody trying to change the way you act by hurting you, scaring you or upsetting you.
* You have the right to say “NO” to brain surgery that people want to do because of the way you act.
* You have the right to choose how you want to spend your free time and who you spend it with.
* You have the right to services that help you live, work and play in the most normal way possible.