



CLIENT'S RIGHTS

1. The right to be treated with consideration and respect for personal dignity, autonomy, and privacy;
2. The right to be informed of one's own condition, of proposed or current services, treatment or therapies, and of the alternatives;
3. 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 or refuse any service, treatment, therapy on the behalf of a minor client;
4. The right to active and informed participation in the establishment, periodic review, and reassessment of treatment goals and desired outcomes;
5. 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 and/or state or federal statutes, unless release of information is specifically authorized by the client or parent or legal guardian of a minor client, a situation is deemed hazardous and must be reported, or when the Court is involved and a Court Order has been issued;
6. The right to have access to one's own psychiatric, medical, or other records, unless access to particular identified items of information is specifically restricted for that individual client for clear treatment reasons. "Clear Treatment Reasons" should be understood to mean only severe emotional damage to the client such that dangerous or self-injurious behavior is an imminent risk. The person restricting the information shall explain to the client and other persons authorized by the client the factual information about the client that necessitates the restriction. The restriction must be renewed at least annually to retain validity. Any persons authorized by the client has access to all information. Clients may request written information as to the policies and procedures for viewing or obtaining copies of personal records;
7. 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;
8. The right to receive an explanation of the reasons for denial of service;
9. The right not to be discriminated against in the provision of services on the basis of religion, race, color, creed, sex, national origin, age, lifestyle, physical or mental handicap, or developmental disability; and
10. The right to know the cost of services.