



Individual Rights Review

Statement of Participant Rights and Responsibilities

Forward Journey believes that individuals with disabilities are entitled to the same basic rights as all individuals. These rights include, but are not limited to:

Your Rights and Responsibilities Regarding Services and Supports

You have the Right to:

- Receive considerate, respectful, and appropriate care, services and supports, regardless of race, creed, nationality, sexual orientation, or level of disability.
- Be informed of medical condition, developmental and behavioral status and risks of services provided.
- Be free from unnecessary drugs or physical restraint and research that might cause psychological or physical harm.
- Be free from physical, verbal, sexual, psychological/emotional abuse and exploitation.
- Voice grievances, file a complaint and recommend changes concerning the care, treatment, services and supports you receive.

You have the Responsibility to:

- Participate as much as possible in the planning of your services and supports.
- Ask questions about your situation, status and the risks of service.
- Report problems or concerns you have to someone on your team, or your family or advocate so that they can be addressed.

Your Rights and Responsibilities Regarding Privacy

You have the Right to:

- Have time, space and opportunity for privacy.
- Meet privately with people of your choice.
- Privacy during treatment and care of personal needs.
- Review information that is kept concerning you.
- Determine who can review information that is kept concerning you.

You have the Responsibility to:

- Exercise your right to privacy in a way that does not interfere with the rights of others.
- Communicate your need for privacy to members of the service team.
- Provide enough information about yourself so that the service team can create the appropriate supports for you.

Your Rights and Responsibilities Regarding Choice

You have the Right to:

- Give and/or withhold consent for service.
- The least restrictive and most appropriate service environment.
- Communicate openly and freely.
- Have and use personal property/possessions, and to have them safeguarded.
- Participate in the life of your community.
- Participate in the political process.
- Make decisions that directly affect your life.
- Plan for your future.
- Religious expression.
- Have a personal advocate.
- Equal educational and employment opportunities.
- Have meaningful relationships.

You have the Responsibility to:

- Be informed about the consequences of the decisions you make.
- Make choices that are not harmful to yourself or to other people.
- Communicate your choices to your service team.
- Manage yourself in a manner that is acceptable when participating in community activities.
- Involve yourself in relationships of your choice in a way that does not harm yourself or other people.

Name of Participant (Printed)

Signature of Participant

Date

Name of Family/Advocate (Printed)

Signature of Family/Advocate

Date

Name of Staff (Printed)

Signature of Staff

Date