**Highland County Board of DD**

**Hills and Dales Early Childhood Center**

**Bill of Rights**

**For Kids**

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* The right to be treated at all times with courtesy and respect and with full recognition of their dignity and individuality.
* The right to an appropriate, safe, and sanitary living environment that complies with local, state, and federal standards and recognizes the persons’ need for privacy and independence.
* The right to food adequate to meet accepted standards of nutrition.
* The right to practice the religion of their choice or to abstain from the practice of religion.
* The right of timely access to appropriate medical or dental treatment.
* The right of access to necessary ancillary services, including, but not limited to, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, and behavior modification and other psychological services.
* The right to receive appropriate care and treatment in the least intrusive manner.
* The right to privacy, including both periods of privacy and places of privacy.
* The right to communicate freely with persons of their choice in any reasonable manner they choose.
* The right to ownership and use of personal possessions so as to maintain individuality and personal dignity.
* The right to social interaction with members of either sex.
* The right of access to opportunities that enable individuals to develop their full human potential.
* The right to pursue vocational opportunities that will promote and enhance economic independence.
* The right to be treated equally as citizens under the law.
* The right to be free from emotional, psychological, and physical abuse.
* The right to participate in appropriate programs of education, training, social development, and habilitation and in programs of reasonable recreation.
* The right to participate in decisions that affect their lives.
* The right to select a parent or advocate to act on their behalf.
* The right to manage their personal financial affairs, based on individual ability to do so.
* The right to confidential treatment of all information in their personal and medical records, except to the extent that disclosure or release of records is permitted under sections 5123:89 and 5126.044 [5126.04.4] of the Revised Code.
* The right to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services without restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal.
* The right to be free from unnecessary chemical or physical restraints.
* The right to participate in the political process.
* The right to refuse to participate in medical, psychological, or other research or experiments.