

Your Rights

young people in care

what is the Charter of Rights?

The Charter is a list of things informing how children and young people should be treated when they come into the care of the Department for Child Protection (DCP) in Western Australia.

All of these rights are important, however some might be more important to you than others.

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I have the right to assistance that promotes my education, care, health and mental wellbeing needs.

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I have the right to participate in activities such as hobbies, sport, music, dance and art (and will I do my best to develop my interests).

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I have the right to be kept informed about my care plan, and my views about the plan be considered.

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I have the right to be respected (and to treat others the same too).

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I have the right to raise an issue or concern with my case worker, foster carer and/or Advocate for Children in Care.

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I have the right to privacy and have my own things.

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I have the right to be heard (and listen to other people's views and opinions).

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I have the right to get help and support to go to court regarding my care.



9 I have the right to have contact with my family and friends whenever possible.

10 I have the right to be encouraged and supported in my religion and culture.

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I have the right to proper planning
before leaving care.

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I have the right to be safe.

The Charter is a good
idea as it gives me a voice

What does it mean

It means DCP is responsible for your wellbeing. Your case worker works with you and your carer to ensure you are being properly looked after and that your care plan is being followed. The plan includes things like where you live, the school you go to, the sports and activities you take part in and your other day-to-day needs including contact with your family.

to Come into care?

Young people come into DCP care for different reasons. It is important that you understand why you are in care and how long you will remain in care for. Ask your case worker or carer if you are not sure.

Advocate for Children in Care

The Advocate for Children in Care can help you sort out complaints or problems with DCP and make sure you have a say in decisions that affect your life.

Office hours: 9222 2518 or
free call 1800 460 696 (excluding mobiles).

Out of office hours (after 5pm): Leave a message or
text 0429 086 508.

Email: judith.garsed@dcp.wa.gov.au

Useful Numbers

Crisis Care

Tel: (08) 9223 1111 or
Free call: 1800 199 008 (excluding mobiles)

Kid's Helpline

Free call: 1800 55 1800 (excluding mobiles)

Police

Tel: 131 444 or 000 (emergency only)

Other Useful Numbers

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