

## Rights of Children Served

### SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

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**POLICY:**

Summit County Children Services (SCCS) maintains the rights of children served by the agency.

**PROCEDURE:**

No agency, foster caregiver, residential facility, or any employee of an agency or residential facility shall in any way violate any of the following rights of children:

- The right to enjoy freedom of thought, conscience, and religion or to abstain from the practice of religion;
- The right to reasonable enjoyment of privacy;
- The right to have his or her opinions heard and be included, to the greatest extent possible, when any decision are being made affecting his or her life;
- The right to receive appropriate and reasonable adult guidance, support, and supervision;
- The right to be free from physical abuse and inhuman treatment;
- The right to be protected from all forms of sexual exploitation;
- The right to receive adequate and appropriate medical care;
- The right to receive adequate and appropriate food, clothing, and housing;
- The right to his or her own money and personal property in accordance with the child's service or case plan;
- The right to live in clean, safe surroundings;
- The right to participate in appropriate educational programs;

- The right to communicate with family, friends, and significant others from whom he or she is living apart, in accordance with the child's service or case plan;
- The right to be taught to fulfill appropriate responsibilities to himself or herself and to others.

SCCS will protect a child's civil rights which means the protection of the child against unlawful discrimination because of the race, color, religion, sex, military status, national origin, disability, age, or ancestry.

SCCS shall include the list of children's rights in all handbooks used by the agency for children in the care of the agency.

When SCCS places any restrictions upon a child's rights for more than two hours, the agency shall:

- Inform the child and the child's custodian of the conditions of and the reasons for restriction of rights;
- Place a written report summarizing the conditions of and reasons for the restriction of the child's rights in the child's record;
- When a restriction of a child's rights affects another individual, inform the individual, as appropriate, of the conditions of and reasons for the action;
- Document review of this decision at least weekly. Any such restriction shall be included in the service plan and approved by the child's custodian.