

## **All individuals attending Richmond Society for Community Living's Adult Programs are entitled to:**

- The right to be viewed as a person first;
- The right to understanding;
- The right to adequate nutrition and medical care;
- The right to protection against all forms of neglect, cruelty, abuse, exploitation, humiliation, retaliation and ridicule;
- The right to full opportunity for recreation and leisure;
- The right to be among the first to receive relief in times of disaster;
- The right to be an active member of society and develop individual abilities to his/her full potential;
- The right to freedom of thought and freedom of expression;
- The right to participate in decisions that affect the individual to his/her maximum capability (I.E. Life Plan, Educational Pursuits, Employment, Recreation & Leisure Activities, Etc.);
- The right to access high quality, inclusive services that honor diversity and meet his/her needs;
- The right to choose his/her own lifestyle and have this choice honored (I.E. "Entertainment, People He/She Lives With, Independent Living, Etc.");
- The right to be spoken to in a manner that conveys respect;
- The right to receive communication in a language or form that enables him/her to be as independent as possible;
- The right to receive information about available services;
- The right to receive information in Plain Language;
- The right to have each person's contributions honored and valued;
- The right to have things that are important to each person accepted, honored and supported (I.E. "Friends, Family, Desires, Dreams, Being With People He/She Likes, Good Transportation, Story Telling, Dancing, Showing His/Her Talents, Etc.")
- The freedom and support to exercise rights under the law (I.E. Voting, Legal Action, Etc.);
- The right of an individual serviced by RSCL to access his/her own information;
- The right to suggest changes and additions to the Adult Services Rights Statement and have these suggestions seriously considered by RSCL;
- The right to receive information about Rights and Responsibilities;
- The right to enjoy these rights, regardless of race, colour, sex, national or social origin, spiritual beliefs, family composition and sexual orientation.