



**Richmond
Society for
Community
Living**

Statement of Rights for Adults

As an adult attending RSCL's Adult Programs:

I have the right to be viewed as a person first;

I have the right to understanding what is going on around me;

I have the right to a means of communication which allows me the fullest participation in the wider world; and that my communication is heeded by others.

I have the right to adequate nutrition and medical care:

I have the right to protection against all forms of neglect, cruelty, abuse, exploitation, humiliation, retaliation and ridicule;

I have the right to complete access to recreation and leisure within the community;

I have the right to be among the first to receive relief in times of disaster;

I have the right to be an active member of society and develop individual abilities to his/her full potential;

I have the right to freedom of thought and freedom of expression;

I have the right to participate in decisions that affect the individual to his/her maximum capability (ie. Life Plan, Educational Pursuits, Employment, Recreation & Leisure Activities, etc..);

I have the right to access high quality, inclusive services that honour diversity and meet my needs;

*I have the right to choose my own lifestyle and have this choice honoured
(ie. entertainment, who I lives with, independent living etc..);*

I have the right to be spoken to in a manner that conveys respect;

I have the right to receive and express communication in a language or form that I understand and can express which allows me to be as independent as possible;

I have the right to receive information about available services and have input into choosing which service best fits my wants and needs;

I have the right to have my contributions honoured and valued;

I have the right to have things that are important me accepted, honoured and supported (ie. friends, family, desires, dreams, being with people, my likes, access to transportation, story telling, dancing, showing his/her talents etc..);

I have the freedom and support to exercise rights under the law (ie. voting, legal action etc..);

I have the right to access my own information;

I have the right to suggest changes and additions to the Adult Services Rights Statement and have these suggestions seriously considered by RSCL;

I have the right to receive information about Rights and Responsibilities;

I have the right to enjoy these rights, regardless of race, colour, sex, nationality or social origin, spiritual beliefs, family composition and sexual orientation.