



**Richmond
Society for
Community
Living**

Statement of Rights for Children and Youth

As a child attending RSCL Children and Youth Programs:

I have the right to affection and understanding;

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 full opportunity for play and recreation;

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

I have the right to learn to be an active member of society and to develop individual abilities to my full potential;

I have the right to be brought up in a spirit of peace;

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

I have the right to participate in decisions that affect me to my maximum developmental capability;

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

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

I have the right to receive communication in a language or form that enables me to be as independent as possible;

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

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

I have the right to have things that are important to me accepted, honoured and supported;

I have the right to have my choices regarding lifestyle honoured;

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

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