



CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF METUCHEN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLIENTS AND FAMILIES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/YOUTH SERVICES

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen strives to meet you and your family's needs such as emotional, health, housing, food and education. Since you and your family's participation is an important part of this process, please read and agree to the following rights and responsibilities:

Your Rights

1. The right to reasonable access to service, regardless of gender, race, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, veteran status or disability.
2. The right to be free from discrimination, harassment, abuse or neglect.
3. The right to service that is considerate and respectful of you and your family's personal value and belief systems.
4. Informed consent.
5. The right to participate in resolving any ethical concerns related to your care or service.
6. The right to access to protective services and client advocacy.
7. The right to designate of a surrogate decision-maker in the event that you become unable of understanding proposed care or service, or unable to communicate your wishes.
8. The right to information that is presented in an understandable manner to you and your family (including these rights and responsibilities).
9. The right to have any pain that you experience is effectively managed or appropriately referred to other healthcare providers for care and treatment.
10. The right to be free from unnecessary or excessive medication.
11. The right to not be subjected to non-standard treatment or procedures, experimental procedures or research, psychosurgery, sterilization, electro-convulsive therapy or provider demonstration programs, without written informed consent, after consultation with counsel or an interested party of your choice. If a client has been adjudicated incompetent, authorization for such procedure may be obtained only pursuant to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 30:4-24.2d (2).
12. The right to treatment in the least restrictive setting, free from physical restraints and isolation, provided, however, that a client in inpatient care may be restrained or isolated in an emergency pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 30:4-24.2d(3).
13. The right to be free from corporal punishment.
14. The right to privacy and dignity.
15. The right to the least restrictive conditions necessary to achieve the goals of treatment or services.
16. The right to pursue any complaints or concerns you have in a manner consistent with the Agency's Grievance Policy.

Your Responsibilities

1. Provide truthful information.
2. Participate in care and service planning to the best of your ability and work to meet agreed upon goals.
3. Attend all scheduled appointments. Any cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance or payment of fees shall be required, as applicable by law.
4. Respect the rights of other clients, families, visitors and staff, particularly with regard to the confidentiality of information about other clients.
5. To maintain the confidentiality of all communications and information revealed in group, marital and family therapy sessions.
6. To not record any therapy sessions, examinations or assessments.
7. To turn off recording devices and cellular telephones before the start of any therapy session, examination or assessment.
8. Minor clients involved in group therapy or socialization shall surrender their cellular telephone for safekeeping before the commencement of group therapy or socialization.

I FULLY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE WITH THE ABOVE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF THE SUMMARY OF THE CLIENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE.

Client Signature

Date

Staff Member

Date