

**CLINTON COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES  
FOSTER CARE PROGRAM  
POLICY ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS**

**POLICY:** The agency has established the following policy in accordance with Rule 5101:2-5-35 of the Administrative Code: Children's Rights

**A. NO AGENCY, FOSTER CAREGIVER OR RESIDENTIAL FACILITY OR ANY EMPLOYEE OF AN AGENCY OR RESIDENTIAL FACILITY SHALL IN ANY WAY VIOLATE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS OF CHILDREN:**

1. The right to enjoy freedom of thought, conscience, and religion.
2. The right to reasonable enjoyment of privacy.
3. The right to have his or her opinions heard and be included, to the greatest extent possible, when any decisions are being made affecting his life.
4. The right to receive appropriate and reasonable adult guidance, support, and supervision.
5. The right to be free from physical abuse and inhumane treatment.
6. The right to be protected from all forms of sexual exploration.
7. The right to receive adequate and appropriate medical care.
8. The right to receive adequate and appropriate food, clothing, and housing.
9. The right to his own money and personal property in accordance with the child's service or caseplan.
10. The right to live in clean, safe surroundings.
11. The right to participate in an appropriate educational program.
12. The right to communicate with family, friends, and "significant others" from who he is living apart, in accordance with the child's service or caseplan.
13. The right to be taught to fulfill appropriate responsibilities to himself and to others.

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