

Purpose:

Quality Assurance Measures (QAM), as part of the Service and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, 2008. Act, are developed for the purpose of ensuring that those we support have both security and a meaningful and satisfying life as defined by themselves and their involved family and friends as appropriate.

This Statement of Rights for Participants of Extend-A-Family will be shared together with Extend-A-Family's Statement of Values and Principles whenever any person first receives support from Extend-A-Family and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Scope:

It is the responsibility of the staff of Extend-A-Family to ensure that all adults who are served are aware of their citizenship rights as well as Extend-A-Family's commitment to support them in a manner that is respectful and honours their citizenship rights.

Statement of Rights and Responsibilities:

You are a citizen.

All citizens have rights and responsibilities.

1. You have the right to be safe at home, at work, and in your community.
2. You have the right to choose the relationships you have in your life.
3. You have the right to being able to vote (if you meet residency requirements).
4. You have the right to choose, choosing to practice any religion or not religion.
5. You have the right to privacy with your mail and other personal matters.
6. You have the right to say "NO" to anything that does not feel right to you.
7. You have the right to decide the important things that will happen in your life.
8. You have the right to be respected for who you are and what you do.
9. You have the right to grow, learn and try new things.
10. You have the right to stand up for your rights and the rights of others.
11. You have the right to take risks once you are informed of the consequences.
12. You have the right to volunteer, work and be involved in your community.
13. You have the right to being paid fairly for your work when employed.
14. You have the right to be proud of who you are.

Knowing your Rights and Responsibilities:

1. You will receive a copy of your Right as an Extend-A-Family participant.
2. Your family members and/or persons you choose may also be given a copy of your Rights as an Extend-A-Family participant so that they will be able to support and advise you.
3. A staff member will talk with you about your rights and responsibilities to make sure that you know what they are.
4. If you need another copy of your Rights as an Extend-A-Family participant you can ask a staff member for one at any time. These are also posted on the Extend-A-Family website (www.eafwr.on.ca).

What to do if you believe your Rights are not respected:

1. Tell the Extend-A-Family staff what happened that you believe was wrong. Ask them to support you to make it right.
2. Tell your family members or advocate (a person who you trust to speak for you) what happened that you believe was wrong. Ask them to tell the staff to support you in making it right.
3. If you have asked the staff and your family members and they do not support you to make it right, then you can ask the Executive Director of Extend-A-Family to support you to make it right.