

North Dakota Foster Youth Rights

The case plan for any youth age 14 or older must include a list of rights. The custodial case manager must explain the list of rights to each youth in a developmentally and age appropriate manner. The list of rights must be reviewed annually with the youth.

Foster Youth Have The Right To:

1. Know why they are in foster care and plans for their future.
2. Be treated with respect, along with their family members.
3. Receive food, clothing, a bed, and items for personal hygiene.
4. Live in a safe, clean place with a reasonable amount of privacy and safety for their personal property.
5. Take personal items, clothing and any gifts or possessions that have been acquired when leaving a foster care placement.
6. Receive medical, vision, and dental care.
7. Be safe from exploitation, physical, sexual, and verbal abuse or neglect.
8. Be treated fairly and without discrimination related to race, gender, age, sexual orientation, disabilities, and religious beliefs.
9. Practice cultural traditions and religious faith in reasonable ways.
10. Receive an education and help with emotional, physical, intellectual, social and spiritual growth.
11. Be given the opportunity to participate in school and community activities.
12. Participate in the development of their case plan and attend Child & Family Team meetings.
13. Contact and be granted visitation with family as approved by the legal custodian.
14. Communicate with case manager.
15. Express concerns about safety, permanency and well-being.
16. Participate and be represented in judicial proceedings.
17. Receive a copy of their annual credit report obtained by the state office.

I understand the ND Foster Youth Rights, as they have been explained to me.

Foster Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____

Custodial Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Copy: Case File Youth Provider