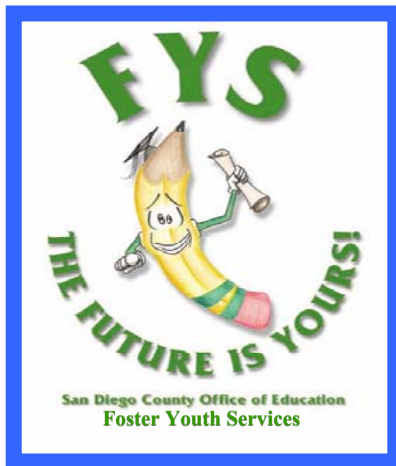
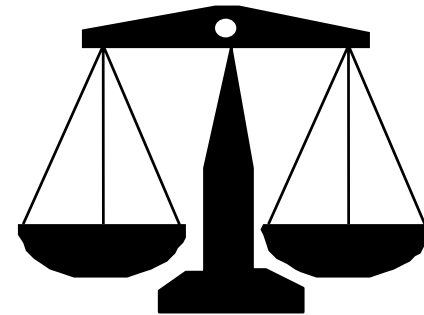


Special Thanks To:



What Rights
Do I Have
While In
Placement?



Visits

- You have the right to visit with your parents, sisters, brothers, and family, unless the court has decided that you should not. [WIC 16507(a), 16001.9(a)(7)]
- You have the right to see visitors at your home and to know in advance the visiting policy or rules of your foster or group home. [WIC 16002(a)(15); 22 CCR 87072(a)(10)]

Health Care

- You should receive the medical, dental, vision and mental health services you need. [WIC 16001.9(a)(4)]
- You can receive Medi-Cal benefits until your 21st birthday. [42 USC 1396(a)(10)(A)(XV); WIC 14005.28]
- You may refuse medication or chemical substances not ordered by a physician. [WIC 16001.9 (a)(5), 160012.9(a) (5); CCR 87072(a)(8)]
- You may consent to hospital, medical, or surgical care related to the prevention or treatment of pregnancy. [Ca. Fam. Code 6925(a)]

Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Sexual Assault, Mental Health & Substance Abuse Care

If you are 12 years of age or older, you have the right, without the consent of others to:

- Diagnosis and treatment of certain infections, contagious sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS and HIV testing. [Ca. Fam. Code 6926(a)]
- Hospital, medical, and surgical care for diagnosis and treatment of alleged rape or sexual assault. [Ca. Fam. Code 6927, 6928]
- Medical care and counseling for drug and alcohol related problems. [Ca. Fam. Code 6929(b)]
- Outpatient mental health treatment, if you are a danger to yourself or others or are the victim of incest or child abuse. [Ca. Fam. Code 6924]

Legal Proceedings

If you are ten years of age or older, you have the right:

- To be told in advance of all hearings in your case. [WIC 335, 336, 336.21(a)(b), 366.23]
- To attend all court hearings concerning you. [WIC 399, WIC 16001.9(a)(17)]
- To be represented in court by a lawyer who will do what is necessary to protect you and your rights and will tell the court what you want. [WIC 317(d)(e)]
- To meet with your lawyer before each court hearing. [WIC 349]
- To talk with the judge. [WIC 16001.9]
- To confidentiality of your court file, but information can be shared with people who need to know about you to provide you with care and services. [WIC 10850(a), 16001.9(a)(21); 22 CCR 87070(c); CRC 1423(a)(b)]
- To meet with your social worker at least once a month. [WIC 16516.5; DSSM 31-320.414]
- To be told what the plan is for your placement and future and to know about changes. [WIC 16001.9(a)(19)]

Privacy & Confidentiality

- Talks with your lawyer are confidential. [Evid. Code 952]
- You have the right to confidential phone calls and to send and receive unopened letters, unless these rights have been limited for a good reason. [WIC 16001.9(a)(9); 22 CCR 87072(a)(16), 84072 (b)(12)]
- Even if you are being disciplined, you can still make and receive confidential phone calls to your social worker, lawyer, or CASA. [WIC 16002(a)(6); 22 CCR 87072(a)(15), 84072(b)(11)]

Your social worker is: _____

Phone Number: _____

Your CASA is: _____

Phone Number: _____

Your Money

- You have the right to keep your own money. [WIC 16001.9(a)(11); 22 CCR 84077, 84072(b)(8)]
- If you are in a group home, you have the right to receive an allowance, unless your case plan says you shouldn't. [WIC 16001.9(a)(3); 22 CCR 84077(a)(2)]
- If you are 16 years old and participating in ILS services, you have a right to save up to \$10,000 to prepare you to leave foster care. This is called an "emancipation account". [WIC 11155.5(a), 16001.9(a)(11)]
- No matter how old you are, you may save money in a different account than an emancipation account, but any money over \$1,000 may be used by the government to help pay for your foster care, unless you put it in a blocked trust account. Talk with your lawyer if you have questions about this right. [WIC 11257(a)]

Physical Safety

You have the right to be protected from abuse and neglect. [WIC 16001.9(a)(2); 22 CCR 80072, 87072(a)(2)]

- You have the right to be free from humiliation, intimidation, ridicule, or mental abuse. [22 CCR 80072(a)(3), 87072(a)(3)]
- No one can punish you by hitting or injuring you. [22 CCR 80072(a)(3), 87072(a)(3)]
- No one can punish you by taking away your food or clothes or not allowing you to sleep or use the bathroom. [22 CCR 80072(a)(3), 87072(a)(3)]
- You have a right to be free from unreasonable searches of your personal belongings. [WIC 16001.9(a)(20)]

Food, Clothing and Housing

You have the right to food, clean clothes, a clean bed and safe, comfortable housing. [WIC 16001.9(a)(3); 22 CCR 80072, 87072(a)(2)&(3)]

- You should be provided with three meals per day. [22 CCR 80076(a)(2)]
- You may wear your own clothes, use your own things and have your own, private storage space. [WIC 16001.9(a)(18); 22 CCR 84072(b)(6) & (10), 87072(a)(11) & (13) & (14)]

Personal Freedom

1. You should be treated with dignity and respect by foster parents or by staff and residents in your home. [WIC 16001.9(a)(1); 22 CCR 80072(a)(1), 87072(a)(1)]
2. You should not be locked in any room or building by your foster parents or by staff and are entitled to reasonable freedom so long as you follow house rules. [WIC 16001.9(a)(12); 22 CCR 80072(a)(7), 87072(a)(6)]
3. You have the right to attend school, religious services that you choose, and to participate in school, religious and community activities. [WIC 16001.9(a)(10) & (13); 22 CCR 80072(a)(5), 87072(a)(5), 84079(c), 87079]
4. You have the right to work and develop job skills at an age-appropriate level consistent with state law. [WIC 16001.9(14)]
 - Your right to work may be limited by your foster parent or group home, but only for a good reason.
5. You have the right to attend Independent Living Program classes and activities if you meet age requirements. [WIC 16001.9(16)]
6. You have the right to have social contacts with people outside of the foster care system, such as teachers, church members, mentors, and friends. [WIC 16001.9(15)]
7. You should not be required to perform duties that unreasonably interfere with school, training, treatment programs or family visits. [22 CCR 87079]

