

Australian Capital Territory

Children and Young People (Rights of Kids in Care) Charter 2024

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made under the

Children and Young People Act 2008, section 24A (Director-general charters)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Children and Young People (Rights of Kids in Care) Charter 2024*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after it is notified.

3 Rights of Kids in Care Charter

I make the attached Charter of Rights of Kids in Care.

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Director-General
Community Services Directorate
15 July 2024



ACT
Government

Charter of rights for kids in care



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The ACT Government acknowledges the traditional custodians of the Canberra region, the Ngunnawal people, and recognise this region is also an important meeting place and is significant to other Aboriginal groups. We acknowledge and respect the continuing culture and contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples make to the life of this city and its surrounding region.



WHAT IS THE CHARTER OF RIGHTS FOR KIDS IN CARE?

The Charter of rights sets out what you can expect from the people who are looking after you and work with you, when you are in care. All of these people have to make sure the things they do for you, and allow you to do, respect your rights.



The Charter of rights has been especially written for children and young people, like you, who are unable to live with their parents and are instead living in someone else's care. You may be living with someone from your family, or with another family in foster care, or with other children or young people in residential care.

YOUR RIGHTS

- 1 The right to **be safe and looked after**
- 2 The right to **be respected**
- 3 The right to **be treated fairly**
- 4 The right to **have fun, play and be healthy**
- 5 The right to **be heard**
- 6 The right to **privacy and have your own things**
- 7 The right to **ask questions about what is happening to you**
- 8 The right to **have contact with the people you care about and know about your family and cultural history**
- 9 The right to **go to school**
- 10 The right to **talk to people about things you don't like or understand**

CONTACTS

If you want help to fix a problem there are lots of people you can talk to. In the first place, you should try and talk to your carer or case manager.

Your case manager

Name

Phone

Email

Child and Youth Protection Services
1800 178 277 or **1300 556 729**
6207 1069 (North team) or **6207 1466** (South team)

ACT Together
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You can also call any of the following:

Community Engagement and Client Services, Community Services Directorate

6207 5294
cyf@act.gov.au
www.communityservices.act.gov.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Services, Community Services Directorate

6207 2228
aboriginalconsultation@act.gov.au

CREATE Foundation

1800 655 105
act@create.org.au
www.create.org.au

Children and Young People Commissioner

6205 2222
ACTkids@act.gov.au
hrc.act.gov.au

ACT Public Advocate

6205 2222
human.rights@act.gov.au
hrc.act.gov.au

Kids Help Line

1800 55 1800
www.kidshelpline.com.au

Lifeline

13 11 14
www.lifeline.org.au

For more information please go to www.communityservices.act.gov.au



A Step Up for Our Kids

One Step Can Make a Lifetime of Difference

