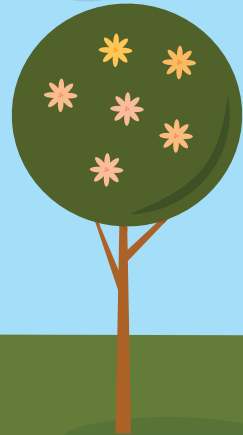


CHILDREN HAVE RIGHTS





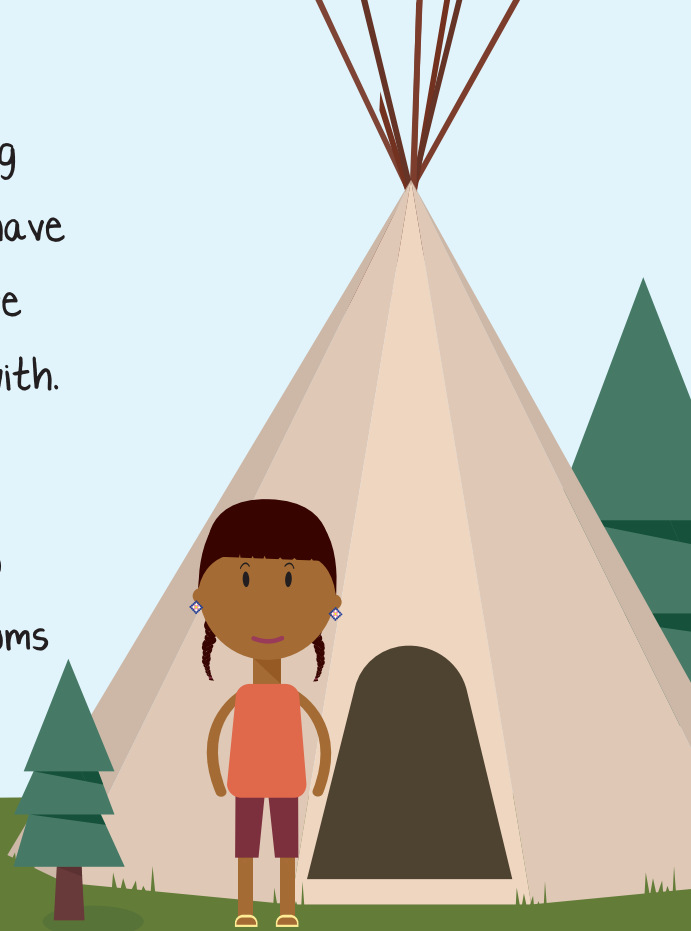
Lots of young people get help from child intervention.

Sometimes this help is given when young people live at home.

Sometimes this help is given when young people live away from home in places like kinship care, foster homes or group homes.

If I am a young person getting help from child intervention, I have a caseworker, no matter where I am living or who I am living with.

I also have rights. Rights are things that you are allowed to have or to do. They are freedoms that you are born with.

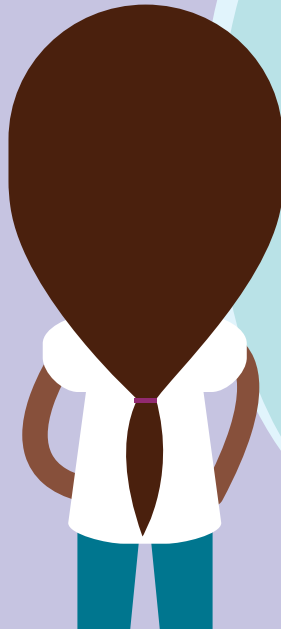


An illustration showing a woman with brown hair on the left, holding a large maroon umbrella over a young girl with blonde hair. The girl is wearing a dark blue top and pink shoes. They are standing on a green lawn. In the background, there are grey clouds with blue raindrops falling. In the bottom right corner, there are several colorful tulips in shades of orange, pink, and purple.

Some of the most important rights are:

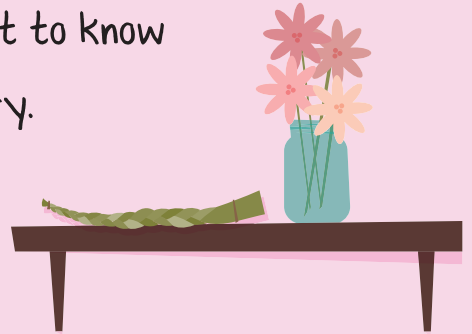
I have the right to live
with people who care
about me, respect me
and keep me safe.

I have the right to be who I am.
What I think and feel and want
are important.





I have the right to know
my own life story.



I have the right to
keep my favourite
things with me.



I have the right to have a reasonable amount of freedom and privacy.





I have the right to
know the plans made
for my care and know
why I am in care.

My opinion is important and will be seriously considered when plans are being made. I have the right to be involved in decisions that are made about me and know why a decision was made.

I have the right to appeal some court decisions that have been made about me.





I have the right to visit
or talk with my family and
friends. I have the right
to know why if I can't.

I have the right to be left alone when I am visiting or talking to my family, as long as I am safe.



I have the right to visit a doctor or dentist when I need to.



I have the right to go to school, just like any young person in Alberta does.



I have the right to have my rights explained to me.

I have the right to know about and be helped to call the
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate.



I have the right to talk to my lawyer,
advocate or caseworker by myself.





I have the right to learn
the things that will help me
be the best person I can be.

If you feel that your rights are not being respected, you can do something!

ASK QUESTIONS!

- Call your caseworker. Ask them to explain what your rights are.
- Talk to someone that you trust. They can be your parent, caregiver, teacher, an elder or pastor, a counselor or a family friend.
- Ask to speak to your caseworker's boss. You should write down that person's name and phone number.
- Call the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate and ask to speak to an advocate.

These rights can be found in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, (which the province of Alberta endorsed in 1999) and in Alberta laws and government policy.

For more information, visit the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate: www.ocya.alberta.ca
or the Ministry of Human Services: www.humanservices.alberta.ca



REMEMBER:

- 1) You have Rights!
- 2) If you feel that no one is listening to you and that you need someone to stand up for you, DO SOMETHING!
 - Call your caseworker
 - Call your caseworker's boss
 - Call the Office of the Child & Youth Advocate
 - Edmonton 780-422-6056
 - Calgary 403-297-8435
 - Toll-Free 1-800-661-3446



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