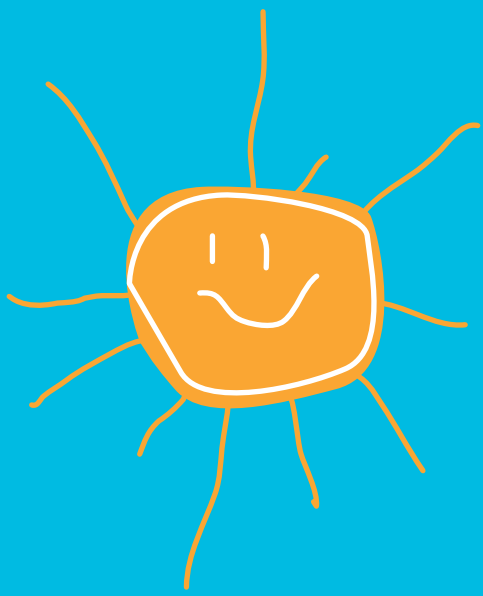




Rights for Kids
in care.



What is the Charter of Rights?

The Charter is a list of things informing how children should be treated when they come into the care of the Department of Communities - Child Protection and Family Support (the Department) in Western Australia. All of these rights are important; however, some might be more important to you than others.

What does it mean to come into care?

It means the Department is responsible for your wellbeing. Your case worker works along side you and your carer to ensure you are being properly looked after, and that your care plan is being followed. The plan includes things like where you live, the school you go to, the sports and activities you take part in and your other day-to-day needs including contact with your family.

Children come into the care for different reasons. It is important that you understand why you are in care and how long you will be in care. Ask your case worker or carer if you are not sure.



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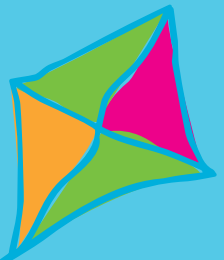
I have the right to be healthy.

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I have the right to go to school.

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I have the right to be loved
and cared for.



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I have the right to talk about anything to my carer and case worker.

5

I have the right to have contact with my family whenever possible.

6

I have the right to be heard.

7

I have the right to privacy and to have my own things.



I have the right to play and have friends.



I have the right to my culture and religion.



I have the right to be safe.

Useful Numbers

Advocate for Children in Care

The Advocate for Children in Care can help you sort out complaints or problems with the Department and make sure you have a say in decisions that affect your life.

During office hours:

Telephone (08) 9222 2518

Free call 1800 460 696 (excluding mobiles)

Out of office hours (after 5pm):

Leave a message or text
0429 086 508

Email:

judith.garsed@communities.wa.gov.au

Crisis Care

Telephone (08) 9223 1111

Free call 1800 199 008
(excluding mobiles)

Kid's Helpline

Free call 1800 55 1800
(excluding mobiles)

Police

131 444

000 (emergency only)

Other numbers



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