If you want help to fix a problem, or if you want someone to act on your behalf, there are lots of people you can talk to.

Your carer
Your agency caseworker
Your Care and Protection caseworker

This Charter of Rights has been especially written for children and young people who are unable to live with their parents and who are living in short or long-term Out of Home Care in the ACT. 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.

Why is the Charter of Rights important? 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 that the things they do for you — and allow you to do — respect your rights.

You have the right
- to ask questions about what is happening to you
- to go to school
- to have contact with the people you care about and know about your family and cultural history
- to talk to people about things you don’t like or don’t understand
- to be safe

Your charter of rights
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Children and Young People COR Liaison
Contact 6205 2898
Care and Protection, After Hours Service 1300 556 729
Consumer Advocacy and Quality Service 62050473 or 62074504 or email DHCSConsumerAdvocacy@act.gov.au
CREATE Foundation 1300 685 105 create@create.org.au

Children and Young People Commissioner 62052222 or email ACTkids@act.gov.au
Public Advocate 62070707 or email pa@act.gov.au
Lifeline 13114 www.lifeline.org.au
Health Direct Australia 1800 022 222 www.healthdirect.org.au
You have the right to be respected

You have the right to be treated fairly

You have the right to have fun, play and be healthy

You have the right to be heard

You have the right to privacy and have your own things

You have the right to be safe and looked after