Your Charter of Rights

for children and young people in Out of Home Care in the ACT

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

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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.

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