



RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

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HISTORY OF RIGHTS

It has been stated that children are in need of extra protection and care in the Geneva Declaration of the Rights of the Child 1924, in the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, adopted by the General Assembly in 1959, and in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child 1990, "Recognising that the child, for the full and harmonious development of his or her personality, should grow up in a family environment, in an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding", (UNCRC,1990).



LEGISLATION

- The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- Child and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998.
- Child and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Regulation 2012.
- Adoption Act 2000.
- Adoption Regulation 2015.

Read/Discuss/Reflect

The Charter of Rights for Kids
for ages 7 - 12 or 13 - 17 should be available to every child or young person in Out of Home Care.
(available at facs.nsw.gov.au)

RIGHTS OF THE CHILD INCLUDE:

Child Safety

Child safety is embedded in institutional leadership, governance and culture.

Child Participation

Children participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.

Families and Communities

Families and communities are informed and involved.

Equity is Upheld

Equity is upheld, and diverse needs are taken into account.

People Working with Children

People working with children are suitable and supported.

Processes to Respond

Processes to respond to complaints of child abuse are child focused

Staff are Equipped

Staff are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and awareness to keep children safe.

Physical and Online

Physical and online environments minimise the opportunity for abuse to occur.

Implementation of the CSS

Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is continuously reviewed and improved.

Policies and Procedures

Policies and procedures document how an institution is child safe.