

**10A NCAC 70I .0306 CLIENT RIGHTS**

(a) A residential child-care facility shall develop and implement policies and procedures to protect the individual rights and dignity of children and families.

(b) A residential child-care facility shall have a client's and family's rights policy that includes that each child has the right to:

- (1) privacy;
- (2) be provided food, clothing, and shelter that is sufficient and appropriate to the individual child;
- (3) have access to family time and have telephone conversations with family members, when not contraindicated in the child's visitation and contact plan;
- (4) have personal property and a space for storage;
- (5) express opinions on issues concerning the child's care or treatment;
- (6) receive care in a manner that recognizes variations in cultural values and traditions;
- (7) be free from coercion by facility personnel with regard to religious decisions. The facility shall have a process to assure that, whenever practical, the wishes of the parents or guardians with regard to a child's religious participation are ascertained and followed;
- (8) not be identified as a foster child in any way;
- (9) not be forced to acknowledge dependency on or gratitude to the facility; and
- (10) participate in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities as appropriate and in accordance with G.S. 131D-10.2A.

(c) A residential child-care facility shall have a policy that prohibits direct involvement by a child in soliciting funds for the facility.

(d) A residential child-care facility shall have a policy that prohibits the child's participation in any activities involving audio or visual recording and research without the voluntary signed, time-limited consent of the parents, guardian, or legal custodian and child, if 12 years of age and older.

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