

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Guernsey County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities is to ensure the availability of programs, services, and supports that assist eligible individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities in choosing and achieving a life of increasing capability so that they can live, work, and recreate in the community, and to assist and support the families of these individuals in achieving this objective.

Important Numbers to Remember!

Ohio Legal Rights
1-800-282-9181

Department of Mental Retardation and
Developmental Disabilities
Complaint Hotline
1-877-464-6733

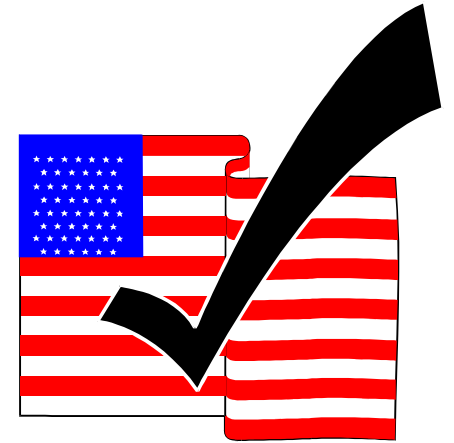
Guernsey County Board of Mental
Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
60770 Southgate Road
Byesville, Ohio 43723
740-439-4451

Guernsey Industries
60772 Southgate Road
Byesville, Ohio 43723
740-439-5017

Emergency 24 Hr. Number
740-260-3206

Bill of Rights

Section 5123.62



Do You Know Your Rights?

**Developmental Disabilities Rights
Section 5123.62 Bill of Rights**

The rights of persons with Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities include, but are not limited to...

- * The right to be treated at all times with courtesy and respect and with full recognition of their dignity and individuality;
- * The right to an appropriate, safe, and sanitary living environment that complies with local, state, and federal standards and recognizes the person's need for privacy and independence;
- * The right to food adequate to meet accepted standards of nutrition;
- * The right to practice the religion of their choice or to abstain from the practice of religion;
- * The right to timely access to appropriate medical or dental treatment;
- * The right to access to necessary ancillary services including, but not limited to, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and behavior modification and other psychological services;
- * The right to receive appropriate care and treatment in the least intrusive manner;

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The rights of persons with Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities include, but are not limited to...

- * The right to privacy including both periods of privacy and places of privacy;
- * The right to communicate freely with persons of their choice in any reasonable manner they choose;
- * The right to ownership and use of personal possessions so as to maintain individuality and personal dignity;
- * The right to social interaction with members of either sex;
- * The right of access to opportunities that enable individuals to develop their full human potential;
- * The right to pursue vocational opportunities that will promote and enhance economic independence;
- * The right to be treated equally as citizens under the law;
- * The right to be free from emotional, psychological, and physical abuse;
- * The right to participate in the political process;

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- * The right to participate in appropriate programs of education, training, social development and habilitation and in programs of reasonable recreation;
- * The right to participate in decisions that affect their lives;
- * The right to select a parent or advocate to act on their behalf;
- * The right to manage their personal financial affairs, based on individual ability to do so;
- * The right to confidential treatment of all information in their personal and medical records;
- * The right to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services without restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal;
- * The right to be free from unnecessary chemical or physical restraints;
- * The right to refuse to participate in medical, psychological, or other research and experiments