

## If you are a minor receiving child welfare services in Oklahoma, you have rights!

### Placement and Dignity

You should be placed **with relatives/kin first** and **near your home**.

If a move is planned, you and your attorney get **5 judicial days' notice** (unless it's an emergency).

You should be consulted and **asked for your views** on any moves.

You should be placed **with your siblings** and, if you have a child, **with your child** when appropriate.

### Daily Life & Growth

You may join extracurriculars, have social time, volunteer, and work (consistent with age and law).

You may manage your own money, or have help, depending on your age.

### Health and Safety

You have a right to appropriate health, mental-health, dental, and vision care and to be free from unnecessary medication.

You can and should report any rights violations. No one can retaliate or punish you for reporting.

### Privacy and Beliefs

You have privacy over your person, property, and communications within law and placement rules. You should have private time and space.

Your belongings are yours and should go with you when you move.

You decide about religious activities (participate or decline). You can choose to practice your own religion, or choose not to partake in religious activities, no matter your placement.

Your records are confidential; your lawyer/CASA can review them to advocate for you.

### Education

You have a right to educational stability—stay in the same school when possible, with transportation and supports under your case plan.

### Your Voice in Your Case

You should be able to visit your parents and siblings regularly per your visitation plan.

You can communicate safely with family and friends when it's appropriate.

You should have regular, meaningful, and private access to your attorney, CASA/GAL, and caseworker.

You may communicate with the judge and be notified of, attend, and be heard at court and family meetings when appropriate.

You participate in your service plan and sign it when appropriate.

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

# Additionally, you have OKSA/ transition rights:

## Oklahoma Successful Adulthood Program

Starting at age 14, you get a Successful Adulthood Plan that is reviewed monthly with you and your placement.

Within 90 days before your 18th birthday, you get a personalized transition plan you help write (housing, health insurance, education, mentors, job supports).

The court reviews at each hearing whether you're getting the transition services you need.

## Essential Documents by Age 18

If you've been in foster care at least 6 months and are leaving at 18, you must receive:

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security card
- Health Insurance information
- Medical Records
- State ID/Driver License
- Proof of Foster Care

## Reporting Issues

You may report any rights concern without fear of punishment.

You can report to your attorney, your caseworker, or the judge.

You can make a report at:

<https://www.okfosteryouthmatters.org/complaint.php>