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Foster Youth Mental Health Bill of Rights

The Foster Youth Mental Health Bill of Rights is an excellent resource for youth and families within the foster care system. As stated in the attached document, “the rights listed are intended to reflect and support the needs expressed by foster youth in their experience within the public mental health system.” The brochure includes a list of 19 legal rights of foster youth, a question guide for youth to use when asking about mental health information and medication management, and the contact information for the Office of the Foster Care Ombudsman. This information serves as a tool for youth who receive behavioral health and medication management services. The brochure can assist in guiding communication between youth and their Child and Family Team members and with physicians, pharmacists, social workers, attorneys, judges, and probation officers. Please make this brochure available to youth and families receiving services from your program.