



THE SONIA SHANKMAN ORTHOGENIC SCHOOL
at The University of Chicago Operated by The Leslie Shankman School Corporation

Orthogenic School Client Rights

1. Every student has the right to service without discrimination as to race, color, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or ethnic, or national origin.
2. Every student has the right to be offered the service setting that is least restrictive to the student's physical and social liberties to achieve substantial therapeutic benefit.
3. Every student has the right not to be subject to physical restraint unless the student's behavior could result in harm to him/herself or others.
4. Every student has the right to be free from fear, injury, neglect, abuse, and sexual exploitation.
5. Every child has the right to prompt medical care for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of medical, dental, and mental health problems.
6. Every student and his/her family have the right to be actively involved in the treatment planning process, the development of an individual treatment and discharge plan including the right to voice grievances and to make recommendations/suggestions with regard to these plans and services provided.
7. Every child has the right to culturally competent care, i.e. care which recognizes and accepts variations in cultural practices and values.
8. Every child has the right to refuse services not essential to a court and/or parent/guardian approved plan of treatment.
9. Every student has the right to learn the program rules, regulations, and discipline methods that apply to their behavior, why they are used, and how they affect students.
10. Every student has the right to communicate freely with individuals in accordance with program guidelines.
11. Every student has the right to a safe and clean environment.
12. Every student has the right to have nutritious and balanced meals.
13. Every student has the right to maintain personal property and to have a place for safe storage of property.
14. If any rights, according to Chapter II of the Confidentiality Act of the IMHDD Code are to be restricted, this will be justified and documented in the case file, and the student, guardian, and any other agency designated will be notified.
15. Every student has the right to express opinions and grievances and appeal adverse decisions up to the highest level in the agency and has the right to be heard in issues concerning his/her care, treatment, and plans for the future.
16. Every student has the right to confidentiality in accordance with the Confidentiality Act of the IMHDD Code and in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996.
17. Every student has the right to receive an education appropriate to his/her individual abilities and educational needs.
18. Every student has the right to enjoy freedom of thought, conscience and religion, including access to his/her preferred religious services.
19. Every student has the right to be provided with opportunities to establish close personal relationships with other children and with caring adults.
20. Every student has the right to be free from exploitation in employment and employment related training.
21. Every student has the right to contact the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission (866.274.8023), Equip for Equality, Inc., (800.537.2632) and DCFS (312.814.6800) as appropriate. The student will be offered staff assistance in contacting these organizations.
22. Services will not be denied, reduced, suspended, or terminated for students exercising their rights.