

# Families as Allies Family Bill of Rights



***These are rights you have with Families as Allies. We will also support these rights being respected by other systems and providers that may be part of your child's life.***

To speak and to make decisions about your child's emotional and behavioral health care and to choose all, any or none of the supports offered to you.

To know about the full range of promotion of wellness, prevention and treatment options available to you and/or your child, whether through Families as Allies or other organizations, to help you live in the community in the manner you deem important to you and consistent with relevant federal and state laws. This includes healing practices specific to your culture.

To access this range of interventions without discrimination regardless of your/your child's ***race, ethnicity, level of education, level of English proficiency, location, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, HIV status, veteran's status or insurance coverage.***

A provider who understands and respects your culture and can speak to you in your language.

To ask for and access an advocate who can help you understand and exercise the rights of you and/or your child.

To plan for future crises, e.g. by preparing an advanced directive for when you might not be able to participate in decision-making about your own or your child's treatment.

To raise your own child regardless of your or their behavioral disabilities.

To set your own goals and/or to help set your child's goals, to expect that you and your child reach your highest potential wellbeing, and for those providing you and/or your child with services to expect and reinforce the same. You also have the right to have a copy of your goals and plans to reach them

For you and your child to receive ethical treatment, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. To not to be subjected to corporal punishment by those providing support/services to your child*
- 2. To be free from all forms of abuse or harassment*
- 3. To be free from restraints of any form*
- 4. To maintain all of your/ your child's constitutional rights*
- 5. To considerate, respectful treatment from all employees and volunteers*

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To voice opinions, recommendations, and to file a written grievance which will result in program review and response without retribution.

Personal privacy, including not to disclose information about you and/or your child unless you choose to do so\*

To review your child's records, except as restricted by law;

To include or exclude whoever you choose in your and/or your child's treatment or care.

To plan, develop, help deliver and evaluate your and/or your child's specific support as well as the general work of Families as Allies and Mississippi's System of Care for Children's Mental Health.

\*Families as Allies will not disclose information about you or your child without your consent, with the following exceptions:

1. If it appears you or your child are at imminent risk to hurt yourself or someone else.
2. If child abuse or neglect is suspected.