

**PARTICIPANT'S BILL OF RIGHTS**

- The right to participate regardless of race, color or national origin
- The right to be treated as an adult, with consideration, respect and dignity, including privacy in treatment and in care for personal needs.
- The right to participate in a program of services and activities designed to encourage independence, learning, growth and awareness of constructive ways to develop one's interests and talents.
- The right to self-determination within the day care setting, including the opportunity to:
  - Participate in developing one's plan for services and any changes therein
  - Decide whether or not to participate in any given activity
  - Be involved to the extent possible in program planning and operation
  - Refuse treatment and be informed of the consequences of such refusal
  - End participation in the adult day program at any time.
- The right to be cared for an atmosphere of sincere interest and concern in which needed support and services are provided.
- The right to a safe, secure and clean environment.
- The right to confidentiality and the requirement for written consent for release of information to persons not authorized under law to receive it.
- The right to voice grievances without discrimination or reprisal with respect to care or treatment that is (or is not) provided.
- The right to be fully informed, as evidenced by the participant's written acknowledgement of these rights, of all rules and regulations regarding participant conduct and responsibilities.
- The right to be free from harm, including unnecessary physical or chemical restraint, isolation, excessive medication, abuse or neglect.
- The right to be fully informed, at the time of acceptance into the program, of services and activities available and related charges.
- The right to communicate with others and be understood by them to the extent of the participant's capability.