



**Personal Rights**  
**Sierra Vista Child & Family Services**  
**Children's Residential, Foster Family, Adoption, Intensive Foster**  
**Care Treatment, Non-Minor Dependent Clients**

**EXPLANATION:** The California Code of Regulations, Title 22 requires that any child admitted to a home/facility must be advised of his/her personal rights. Homes/Facilities are also required to post these rights in areas accessible to the public. Consequently, this form is designed to meet both the needs of children admitted to homes/facilities and the home/facility owners who are required to post these rights.

This form describes the personal rights to be afforded each child admitted to a home/facility. This form also provides the complaint procedures for the child and authorized representative.

This form is to be reviewed, completed and signed by each child and/or each authorized representative upon admission to the home/facility. The child and/or authorized representative also has the right to receive a completed copy of the originally signed form. The original signed copy shall be retained in the child's file which is maintained by the home/facility.

**SIGNATURES:**

**Acknowledgement**

By signing below, client, or client's representative, acknowledges that he/she has reviewed and fully understands the client's rights outlined in this agreement. Client, or client's representative, has discussed such terms and conditions with the treatment team, and has had any questions with regard to its terms and conditions answered to client's satisfaction. Moreover, client, or client's representative, agrees to hold Sierra Vista Child & Family Services free and harmless from any claims, demands, or suits for damages from any injury or complication whatsoever, save negligence, that may result.

I understand the information above to be an explanation of my personal rights.

I do not understand the information above as an explanation of my personal rights.

Client appears to lack the capacity to understand their personal rights.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Client Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Client Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Client's Legal Guardian (and relationship to client) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
FFA Social Worker Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
FFA Foster Parent \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Plan to meet on \_\_\_\_\_ in order to review these Personal Client Rights again



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The personal rights of **SVCFS Residential Treatment, Intensive Services Foster Care and Foster Care Clients** include but are not limited to the following:

1. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will receive adequate and healthy food and adequate clothing.
2. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be informed of "house rules" and expectations upon entering the household environment.
3. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be given privacy when changing clothes, toileting and maintaining personal hygiene.
4. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be allowed to wear their own clothing.
5. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be free to attend religious services or activities of his/her choice and to have visits from the spiritual advisor of his/her choice
6. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be allowed to possess and use personal possessions, including toilet articles.
7. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD will be free from the administration of medication or chemical substances, unless authorized by a physician.
8. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be able to contact family members (unless prohibited by court order) and social workers, attorneys, foster youth advocates and supporters, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and probation officers.
9. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be free to visit and contact family of origin, unless prohibited by court order
10. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be free to contact Community Care Licensing Division of the State Department of Social Services, 1314 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93710. The Department can be reached at (559)243-8080 or the State Ombudsperson can be reached at (877)846-1602, regarding the violation of rights. Communication to representatives of these offices is confidential and there will be no threats or punishments for making complaints.
11. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be free to make and receive confidential telephone calls and send and receive unopened mail (unless prohibited by court order).
12. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be free to maintain emancipation bank account and manage personal income, consistent with their age and developmental level, unless prohibited by case plan.

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13. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be free to maintain emancipation bank account and manage personal income, consistent with their age and developmental level, unless prohibited by case plan.
14. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be free to attend school and participate in extracurricular, ethno cultural, and personal enrichment activities, consistent with their age and development level.
15. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be free to work and develop job skills at an age appropriate level that is consistent with State law.
16. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be free to have social contacts with people outside of the foster care system, such as teachers, church members, mentors, and friends.
17. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be free to attend court hearings and speak to the judge.
18. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be free to have storage space for private use.
19. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be free to review their own case plan if they are over 12 years of age and to receive information regarding out-of-home placement and case plan, including being told of changes to the plan.
20. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be free from unreasonable searches of personal belongings.
21. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD clients will be free to have juvenile court records be confidential (consistent with existing law).
22. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD to have access to routine, preventive, and emergency medical vision, behavioral health, dental, and rehabilitation care.
23. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD are free from physical, sexual, emotional or other abuse, or corporal punishment.
24. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and foster care, NMD free from discrimination. Intimidation, or harassment based on sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, medical condition or sexual orientation or perception of having one or more of those characteristics.
25. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and foster care, NMD to not be locked in any room, building, or facility premises, unless placed in a community treatment facility
26. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and foster care, NMD to not be placed in any restraining device, unless placed in a postural support and if approved in advance by the licensing agency or placement agency
27. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and foster care, NMD to attend Independent Living Program classes and activities if you are 16 or older
28. SVCFS Residential, ISFC and Foster Care, NMD to live in a safe, healthy, and comfortable home and to be treated with respect.
29. NMD have the right to exercise voting privileges when applicable.