

## **LGBTQ Rights**

- 1. LGBTQ youth have the legal right while in care to be free from verbal, emotional, and physical harassment in placement, school, and the community.**
- 2. The adults involved in care for the LGBTQ youth have a legal and ethical obligation to ensure safety.**
- 3. An LGBTQ youth has the right to have a caseworker that supports and protects him or her from anti-LGBTQ harassment and mistreatment.**
- 4. LGBTQ youth have a right to be accepted for who they are and not try to change their sexual orientation or gender identity.**
- 5. LGBTQ youth have a right to be the authority in their health care needs.**
- 6. LGBTQ youth have a right not to be subjected to religious indoctrination.**
- 7. LGBTQ youth should never feel as though they must choose between being open and supported in their sexual orientation or gender identity, and feeling welcome in a particular placement.**
- 8. LGBTQ youth have a right to work with Child Welfare agencies and staff that are trained and competent in working with LGBTQ youth.**
- 9. LGBTQ youth have a right to seek legal representation when their rights are not being honored.**

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