

The Community Diversion Program Youth Bill of Rights

I have the right to be seen as a person able to change, grow and become positively connected to my community, no matter what type of poor decisions I have made in the past.

I have the right to take part in CDP services that are delivered in a way that build on my strengths.

I have a right to tell CDP about things that I am good at during the intake meeting, and while in different CDP programs.

I have a right to have my “not wanting to participate” viewed as a message that the wrong approach may be being used with me.

I have the right to learn from my mistakes, and to have support to learn that mistakes DO NOT mean failure.

I have the right to experience success, and to have CDP support connecting previous successes to future goals.

I have the right to have my gender recognized as a source of strength in my identity in all CDP programs and meetings.

I have the right to be assured that all written and oral, formal and informal communications about me at CDP include my strengths, as well as my needs.

I have the right to be served by professionals who like youth, and view youth positively.

I have the right to work with professionals who understand that motivating me, is related to successfully accessing my strengths.

I have the right to be viewed as more than a statistic or a stereotype.

I have the right to be an adolescent and to try out new identities.

I have the right to be viewed as a valuable resource and potential leader for the future.