

# BILL OF RIGHTS

## **Your rights as a mental health consumer or parent of a child receiving MH services:**

The right to be treated with respect and dignity.

The right to be involved in the development and on-going review of your treatment plan.

The right to refuse services and to be informed of the medical consequences and negative side effects, if any of this action.

The right to every consideration of privacy.

The right to confidentiality with regard to your treatment records and personal information.

The right for services to begin as quickly as possible and as needed

The freedom of choice in the selection of services.

The right to receive a second opinion.

The right to observe cultural practices unless they interfere with the rights of others.

The right to have your complaints handled in a prompt manner.

The right to be discharged from a facility as soon as you no longer need the services.

The right not to be subjected to any harsh, punitive, demeaning or unusual treatment.

The right to access a qualified advocate or lawyer to protect these rights.