

## Statement of the Rights of Supported People

Any person who is served by Community Living St. Marys and Area has the right to be treated the way any Canadian citizen expects to be treated.

- Rights upheld by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom:
  - Right to equal treatment without discrimination because of race, ancestry, origin, colour, ethnicity, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, family status, disability, or other analogous ground.
  - Right to vote.
  - Right to enter, remain in or leave Canada or any province.
  - Right to life, liberty and security.
  - Right not to be deprived of one's life, liberty, or security except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.
  - Right not to be subjected to any cruel and/or unusual treatment or punishment.
  - Right to be secure against unreasonable search or seizure.
  - Right to equal protection and equal benefit of the law.
  - Freedom of conscience and religion.
  - Freedom of opinion and expression.
  - Freedom of peaceful assembly and association.
  
- Rights that are important for the individuals who choose supports from this agency, but may not necessarily be upheld by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and therefore can be ensured only with advocacy:
  - Right to equal treatment under the law.
  - Right to participate in affirmative action programs designed to ameliorate the conditions of individuals or groups who are disadvantaged.
  - Right to contract for, possess and dispose of property.
  - Right to income support.
  - Right to an education.
  - Right to sexual expression, marriage, procreation, and the raising of children.
  - Right to privacy.
  - Right to adequate health care.
  - Right to equal employment opportunities.
  - Right to appropriate support services of the individual's own choosing
  - Right to be treated in a courteous and respectful manner and to be free from all types of abuse.