

THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN CARE



As a parent of a child in care, you have these rights:

Recognition and equality

You are entitled to enjoy your human rights, and equal and effective protection against discrimination.

Protection of family

Families are entitled to protection. Families are the fundamental group unit of society and are entitled to be protected by society and the State.

Culture

You have the right to enjoy your culture, declare and practice your religion and use your languages.

Freedom of expression

You are free to think and say what you want to say. You have the right to find, receive and share information and ideas.

Support

To ensure your child's safety, wellbeing, and best interests:

Every child has the right to be safe and protected from harm.

You play the most important role in raising, protecting, and supporting your child.

The preferred way to keep your child safe is by ensuring you have the support you need.

If your child is ever removed from your care, support should be available to help reunite your family.

First Nations cultural rights

You hold distinct cultural rights, including the right to practise your beliefs, teachings, and use your languages, protect and develop kinship ties, and maintain relationships with the lands, seas and waterways.

Legal representation

You have a right to a fair hearing. This means the right to have criminal charges or civil proceedings decided by a competent, independent and impartial court or tribunal after a fair and public hearing.

Privacy and reputation

You have the right to keep your life private. Your family, home or personal information cannot be interfered with, unless the law allows.



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle

recognises a child's right to be connected to their family, community, culture and Country. It recognises your right to take part in decisions made about the care and safety of your child.

This information is from the Charter of Rights is part of the Child Protection Act 1999 and the Human Rights Act 2019.



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