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FOSTER YOUTH BILL OF RIGHTS (FYBOR) REMINDER

This FYI is being provided as reminder to Children's Social Workers (CSWs) regarding the [Foster Youth Bill of Rights \(FYBOR\)](#).

Assembly Bill (AB) 175 and Senate Bill (SB) 89 require that children and their representatives be informed of their rights in an age-appropriate manner and that barriers to those rights be removed.

On June 12, 2024 the Los Angeles County Ombudsperson for Youth (Ombuds) in Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs) provided a report to the Board of Supervisors regarding their outreach to youth during the period of July 1 through December 31, 2023 which indicated that of the 71 surveyed youth, 79% reported that they did not receive or recall receiving the Foster Youth Bill of Rights (FYBOR).

CSWs are reminded of the following information and resources related to the FYBOR:

- ✚ Social workers are required by law to provide children/youth/NMD a copy of their rights and to review those rights with them in an age appropriate manner ([WIC 16001.9](#)):
 - When they are initially placed in Out-of-Home Care (OHC), and
 - At every placement change (i.e., replacement), and
 - At least every six (6) months.
- ✚ The FYBOR is provided as part of the Placement Packet Required Documents.
- ✚ The information provided in the FYBOR is the law, which is composed of forty-one (41) specific rights, organized according to the following topic areas:
 - Personal Rights
 - Family Connections
 - Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity
 - Education
 - Who to Call About My Rights
 - Preparing for Adulthood & Money Management
 - Case Plan
 - Health
 - Child & Family Team
 - Sexual & Reproductive Health
 - Mental Health
 - Court
 - ICWA Youth



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- ✦ The [written acknowledgment form \(Foster Youth Rights Handbook Signature Page\)](#) verifies that the CSW provided and reviewed the FYBOR Handbook with the child/NMD in OHC.
- ✦ If the child/youth/NMD is not receptive to the discussion of the FYBOR material and/or declines to sign the [written acknowledgment](#), the CSW can still sign and date their portion, and on the child/NMD's portion indicate "refused to sign."
- ✦ The FYBOR educates children/youth/NMDs in OHC about their rights and empowers them to advocate for themselves and make informed decisions about their lives; thus, helping them develop the knowledge and skills they need to thrive and succeed.
- ✦ The FYBOR supporting materials include the [Foster Youth Bill of Rights Handbook](#) and [Foster Youth Bill of Rights Coloring Book](#). CSWs should provide at least one of these materials to children/NMDs, and may provide both of them, depending on what the CSW assesses is the most developmentally appropriate material for the child/youth/NMD.
- ✦ For assistance/tips on how to discuss the FYBOR with youth, staff may refer to the [FYBOR website](#).
- ✦ Related or Referenced Policies Guides:
 - [0100-510.61, Placement Responsibilities](#)
 - [0600-507.10, Youth Reproductive Health and Pregnancy](#)
 - [0080-502.10, Case Plans](#)
 - [0070-548.01, Child and Family Teams](#)
 - [0070-535.10, Assessment of Exploitation](#)
 - [1200-500.01, LGBTQ+ Children/Nonminor Dependents](#)

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