

## >> What are your rights?

- To be clearly told about allegations, evidence and assessments made
- To participate in the assessment, decision making, and in finding solutions
- To be kept informed about decisions being made about your child, to make a complaint and receive information about how to do so, to have legal representation
- To make a complaint and to have decisions reviewed
- To be treated with respect
- To receive legal advice and information
- To have the strengths of my family identified, and support to address the challenges
- To attend all meetings with a support person
- To privacy and confidentiality
- To have access to Department records via Freedom of Information (FOI)

## >> What are your responsibilities?

- To be honest
- To be contactable
- To tell your CM about changes to your circumstances to attend contact
- To make sure your lawyer and other supports have accurate and full information
- To work with the Department respectfully (including carers)

## >> What are your child's rights?

Your child's rights are covered by the:

*Charter of Rights for Children and Young People*

You can get a copy from:

- The Department - [www.communities.wa.gov.au](http://www.communities.wa.gov.au)
- Your lawyer
- Advocate for Children and Young People in Care
- Commission for Children and Young People [www.ccp.wa.gov.au](http://www.ccp.wa.gov.au)
- CREATE - [www.create.org.au](http://www.create.org.au)

## >> Who can speak to your child?

*Your child can speak to the Advocate for Children & Young People in Care.*

Their role is to:

- Listen to your child
- Help your child to tell the Department, and yourself, what they want
- Provide information and advice to your child
- Support your child if they want a decision reviewed
- Speak to others about what the child has told them.

