

Bill of Rights for Volunteers

RIGHT to Information

- I would like to know what is expected of me.
- I would like the training required to complete assignments.
- I would like to know what resources are available and how to access them (i.e. budget, supplies, etc.).
- I would like to know what opportunities and benefits are available.
- I would like to be informed of activities and decisions.

RIGHT to Structure

- I would like to share in planning group goals.
- I would like to share in making rules that govern the groups.
- I would like to take part in the decision making process.

RIGHT to a Sense of Belonging

- I would like to feel that no one objects to my presence.
- I would like to feel sincerely welcomed into the group.
- I would like to feel that I am honestly needed for my total self, not merely for my hands and time.
- I would like to be treated as a co-worker.
- I would like to not be taken for granted.

RIGHT to Participation

- I would like to choose the amount and/or type of responsibilities.
- I would like to have responsibilities that are challenging.
- I would like to grow at a rate my abilities allow.
- I would like to express ideas.
- I would like to give constructive feedback.

RIGHT to Recognition

- I would appreciate verbal recognition of a job well done.
- I would appreciate appropriate rewards.

RIGHT to Enjoyment

- I reserve the right to enjoy my experience despite others' attitudes.
- I deserve to feel good about myself and tell others about how I feel so that they might want to volunteer too.

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