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A MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER
ABOUT YOUR
RIGHTS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES

Right Here!

Rights of the Month

Send and Receive Mail

Make / Receive Calls

Spend Money

Be Safe

Vote

Live Where You Want

Belong to Groups

Have the Best Health

Practice Cultural and

Religious Beliefs

Be Heard, Have Freedom of Expression

Be Free From Abuse, Neglect and Mistreatment

Have Personal Possessions

Have Privacy

Obtain Meaningful and Productive Work

Decide and Participate in What People Say, Share and Write About You

Make Decisions About Your Life

Have Family, Friends & Intimate Relationships

Express Grievances and Object to Services



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The Right to Practice Cultural and Religious Beliefs **P.1**

CQL References **P.2**

You Have the Right to Practice the Cultural and Religious Beliefs of Your Choice!

The right for people with disabilities to practice the religion of their choice is important for several reasons:

1. **Dignity and Equality:** It affirms the inherent dignity of individuals with disabilities and recognizes them as equal members of society with the same rights as others. People with Disabilities deserve the same dignity and equality in all aspects of life including religious practices.
2. **Social Inclusion and Connections:** Ensuring the freedom to practice cultural and religious beliefs fosters diversity and helps to combat social exclusion and discrimination. Many cultural groups and religious communities can provide valuable social connections and a sense of belonging. This is especially important to people with disabilities since they may face a higher risk for isolation.
3. **Legal Rights:** The right to freedom of religion is protected by laws like the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

BY RECOGNIZING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO PRACTICE THE CULTURE OR RELIGION OF THEIR CHOICE, WE PROMOTE EQUALITY, INCLUSION, AND EMPOWERMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES!

Did You Know?

Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL) states,

“People have the right to take part in the activities associated with personal beliefs”

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NY-CRR states:

“xii) observance and participation in the religion of his or her choice, through the means of his or her choice, including the right of choice not to participate;”



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