

BILL OF RIGHTS

Although you signed a form listing your rights as a client, we have provided this notice as a reminder that we are committed to treating you with respect and dignity.

Clients of Fairfield Behavioral Health Services:

- ◆ The right to be treated with respect and dignity in an environment that affords security and privacy; as well as the right to select the service provider of your choice.
- ◆ The right to receive services regardless of race, sex, creed, color, physical or mental handicap, sexual orientation, gender expression or personal ability to pay.
- ◆ The right to participate in developing one's individual plan of care.
- ◆ The right to privacy, confidentiality, and informed consent; as well as the right to refuse to or express a choice regarding participation in research projects. Refusal to participate has no bearing on the services you are provided.
- ◆ The right to receive an individual evaluation and treatment based upon one's needs and goals.
- ◆ The right to have access through referral to needed services from other community resources. Also, the right to access specifically to legal entities, self-help groups, and advocacy support services.
- ◆ The right to know the cost of services.
- ◆ The right to be notified of any change in services, termination of service, or discharge. Also, a discharge summary will be provided upon request.
- ◆ The right to participate in a grievance process if you feel that you have been unfairly treated and assisted by an advocate appointed by the Executive Director. They have the right to make a formal complaint against the agency, without the fear of retaliation or barriers from FBHS, to DHEC, Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing at 2600 Bull Street Columbia, SC 29201-1708 or by calling 803-545-4370.
- ◆ The right to refuse treatment to the extent permitted by law.
- ◆ The right to review one's records upon reasonable request.
- ◆ The right to withdraw from services at any time and be informed of the possible restrictions affecting reentry at a later time. Entry criteria and Re-entry criteria is the same for all clients.
- ◆ The right to have property respected.
- ◆ The right to be free from physical abuse, sexual abuse, harassment, physical punishment imposed by the program employees, psychological abuse, neglect including humiliating threatening and exploitive action on the part of program employees.
- ◆ The right to have privacy during visits unless contraindicated in the recovery and treatment process or as ordered by a physician or other authorized healthcare.