

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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Dear Client,

Human rights are inherent to all people. In order to promote and protect our rights, we all have a responsibility to understand them and speak up when they are not honored.

In an effort to update and increase the accessibility of the rights of clients enrolled in the Developmental Disability Administration (DDA), Washington State Legislators, Stakeholders, and DDA representatives recently came together to pass and implement Second Substitute House Bill 1651. This amazing opportunity allowed everybody to be heard and speak to not only the all-encompassing rights of everyone supported by the administration, but targeted areas and programs as well. As we move forward as an Administration, notification of these rights is important, and helps to further our mission to transform lives by empowering those we serve to live the lives they want.

Please take time to review the attached rights. For further information, Second Substitute House Bill 1651 can be found at www.leg.wa.gov, and on the DDA home page.

Thank you,

Evelyn Perez, Assistant Secretary

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