

North Carolina Siblings Bill of Rights

Every foster youth...

- I. Shall be placed with siblings.
- II. Shall be in close proximity to siblings if unable to be in the same placement.
- III. Shall be afforded contact with siblings regardless of geographic barriers and methods for contact should be outlined in the youth's service plan.
- IV. Shall be actively involved in his/her siblings' lives and share celebrations including birthdays, holidays, graduations, and meaningful milestones.
- V. Shall maintain consistent and regular contact that is included in service planning.
- VI. Shall be notified by DSS regarding siblings' change of placement.
- VII. Shall be informed when a sibling is discharged and given contact information to maintain contact with siblings who remain in state care.
- VIII. Shall be supported by DSS in his/her efforts to maintain relationships with siblings.
- IX. Shall be included in permanency planning decisions relative to his/her siblings.
- X. Shall have regular contact with siblings which will not be withheld as a behavioral consequence.
- XI. *Siblings have the right to initiate a complaint to the DSS Program Manager if these rights are not upheld.*

Youth Name

Youth Signature

Caseworker Name

Caseworker Signature