

Youth Mental Health Bill of Rights Draft  
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We Believe That All Youth Should Have The Following Rights In Their Mental Health Care

- 1) **Fully Informed Treatment** (This means side effects and alternatives. It also means translating jargon into youth friendly language)
- 2) **Ability to directly evaluate services** (youth should be able to self report about the services being provided to them)
- 3) **Least Intrusive Transitions** (Mental health programs should strive to make transitions to new services or service providers as supportive as possible for youth)
- 4) **Positive Youth Development Training** (All mental health professionals should have specialized training on youth culture)

As we work to create a finalized bill help us edit this work in progress! Take it to youth groups, conferences, staff or young people in any field. This document will be more powerful as more voices are added.

They are working on this on Twitter if anyone wants to follow its development at <http://twitter.com/SignTheBill> (click on edit the bill to see the current version ... the one above appears to have all of the pieces that they presented in Portland, just configured a bit differently ... a little less emphasis on having alternatives to medication and more on each of the 4 categories that have become headings.)