

KELOWNA AND DISTRICT SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

VALUES STATEMENT

WE BELIEVE EACH PERSON:

- First is entitled to the same rights and freedoms given to all citizens in our society.
- Is a person first; unique and valued.
- Is entitled to be treated with equality, dignity and respect.
- Has the right to self-determination.
- Has the right to make choices and informed decisions.
- Has the right to be informed on all matters that affect his or her life.
- Has the right to self-advocate, to learn to self-advocate or to choose an advocate to speak for them.
- Has the right to live and work in the least restrictive environment.
- Has the right to live, work and participate in all aspects of community life and therefore should be taught the necessary skills to do so.
- Has personal preferences and interests, therefore has the right to individualized service.
- Has the right to expect that service providers provide accountability for individualized services, advocacy when requested or required and positive representation of an individual.
- Is entitled to life long learning.
- Has the right to a supportive network of personal relationships with family, friends, advocates and acquaintances.
- Is entitled to good health, medical and dental care and aides or adaptations (something changed or added) that may be needed for greater independence.
- Is entitled to the right to treatment on a voluntary basis, the right to private consultation and confidentiality and the right to be informed and give consent as he/she chooses.
- Is responsible for his/her own actions and therefore is responsible for the consequences.

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