

# RIGHT HERE!

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS &  
RESPONSIBILITIES

## WHAT OPWDD SAYS:

*"IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
OPWDD REGULATIONS (14  
NYCRR §§624 AND 633),  
INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING  
SERVICES HAVE THE RIGHT  
TO OWN, USE, AND KEEP  
PERSONAL POSSESSIONS  
OF THEIR CHOOSING.  
PERSONAL BELONGINGS  
SUPPORT DIGNITY,  
INDEPENDENCE, AND  
SELF-EXPRESSION. ANY  
LIMITATION ON THIS  
RIGHT MUST BE PERSON-  
CENTERED, CLINICALLY OR  
SAFETY-BASED, CLEARLY  
DOCUMENTED, AND  
REGULARLY REVIEWED"*

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO  
HAVE PERSONAL POSSESSIONS**

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- ✓ Own and keep your personal belongings
- ✓ Have items that are important to you, such as clothes, photos, a phone, or special keepsakes





DID YOU KNOW YOUR STUFF TELLS YOUR STORY? CCDS SUPPORTS YOUR RIGHT TO HAVE PERSONAL BELONGINGS YOU ENJOY. MOST OF THE TIME, YOU GET TO CHOOSE WHAT YOU KEEP. IF SOMETHING ISN'T SAFE, STAFF WILL EXPLAIN WHY AND HELP YOU FIND A SAFE CHOICE.



## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

You have the human right to have personal possessions.

- OPWDD says you have the right to have your own personal belongings, like your clothes, phone, pictures, and money
- Your things are yours. No one should take or use them unless it's to keep you safe and OPWDD rules say it's okay.
- If you have questions about what possessions you can have in the home, ask staff, a trusted person, or an advocate for help.