



## Parents' Charter of Rights

Within this Charter, we recognise the basic human rights of all individuals within the family - regardless of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, race, culture, religious or political affiliations.

By doing this, we promote the inclusion of all individuals within this Charter, and recognise the diversity of children, parents and family life.

We see the purpose of this charter as raising personal, social, and political awareness of parents' responsibilities towards safeguarding and promoting the well being of the child.

### **We acknowledge and value ...**

- ❑ the role of parents and parenting
- ❑ the lifelong love, commitment, experience and expertise of parents regarding their children
- ❑ the importance of parenting to a child's development
- ❑ the importance of parenting to society as a whole
- ❑ how complex parenting is and how well it's carried out

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**The Parenting Forum NI sees this Charter as a 'live' document -  
one which is open to growth and change to reflect parents'  
needs**

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## Parents have the right to ...

- ❑ be treated with equality, dignity and respect
- ❑ appropriate information
- ❑ services and support - which are accessible and affordable - at the earliest point of need
- ❑ adequate financial support
- ❑ affordable and high quality childcare for all children
- ❑ family-friendly practices in employment
- ❑ a safe, pollution-free environment for their children and themselves
- ❑ be consulted with, and listened to, on issues which impact on parenting and/or family life by all professionals, policy makers, advisors and public representatives
- ❑ equal access to services and support - regardless of ability/disability, race and ethnic background, age, sexual orientation, political, religious or other beliefs, economic or other status
- ❑ define and shape their own family structure



*Promoting the well being of parent and child*