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PARENTS’ RIGHTS

**All parents have the right to:**

* Question or challenge decisions made for you or your children, especially when they don’t agree
* Participate in the creation of your case plan to address the individual needs of your family
* Receive and or request services that will be beneficial for you and your child. To include services that will support reunification of the family
* Recognize their right to due process and to have meetings and updates regarding your child
* To visit your child
* To have your child placed with someone you trust
* To make decisions about your child’s life in care
* To have quality legal representation
* To NOT lose your child because you are poor
* To fair treatment regardless of race, culture, gender, or religion
* To be treated with courtesy, consideration and respect
* Receive support from someone who has been in your shoes
* To have a meaningful and fair hearing before your parental rights are limited in any way
* To offer your child a lifelong relationship
* To have Privacy
* Be forgiven, not judged
* Make mistakes
* Forgive yourself while learning from your mistakes (Moving on)
* Be treated as an individual, not a stereotype

**When the world says, “give up” Hope whispers, “Try it one more time.”**