A Bill of Rights, For Children *

For each child regardless of race, color or creed—

- 1. The right to the affection and intelligent guidance of understanding parents.
- 2. The right to be raised in a decent home and to be adequately fed, clothed and sheltered.
- 3. The right to the benefits of religious guidance and training.
- 4. The right to a school program which offers sound academic training, plus maximum opportunity for individual development and preparation for living.
- 5. The right to receive constructive discipline for the proper development of good character, conduct and habits.
- The right to be secure in his or her community against all influences detrimental to proper and wholesome development.
- 7. The right to the individual selection of free and wholesome recreation.
- 8. The right to live in a community whose adults recognize that the welfare of their children is of primary importance.
- 9. The right to receive good adult example.
- 10. The right to a job commensurate with his or her ability, training and experience, and protection against physical or moral employment hazards which adversely affect wholesome development.
- 11. The right to early diagnosis and treatment of physical handicaps and mental and social maladjustments, at public expense whenever necessary.

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