

Cambridge Children's Charter of Rights

All children are unique and deserve basic rights and freedoms. A fair share of society's resources must be devoted to ensuring this. While families are responsible for raising their children, all levels of government, in partnership with the entire community (public, private and non profit sectors), have a duty to ensure there are adequate supports in place for families by putting the health and well-being of children first.

All children have a right to:

- A quality of life that meets their health, physical, intellectual, emotional, spiritual and social needs.
- Enough nutritious food every day.
- Have a healthy environment and a safe and comfortable place to live.
- Access quality and affordable child care, early learning programs and/or parenting support.
- Safe places and time to play, and access to affordable recreational activities.
- Quality education to enable them to reach their full potential.
- Quality time with their families and/or other nurturing and positive role models throughout their childhood.
- Protection from neglect, abuse and exposure to violence, both in and out of home, and to be safe from exploitation.
- Be accepted for who they are, and believe what they want without being discriminated against.



Together, all of us are advocates for the children in Cambridge to ensure access to their fair share of our community's resources.

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