



# RIGHTS OF MENTAL RETARTED PERSON 1971

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# goals

- ▶ In 1971, the General Assembly of the United Nations, proclaimed the "Declaration on the Rights of Mentally Retarded Persons."
- ▶ Bearing in mind the necessity of assisting persons with mental disabilities to develop their full abilities and of promoting their integration.
- ▶ The General Assembly calls for national and international action to ensure that the Declaration is used as a common basis and frame of reference for the protection of their rights.

# principles

- ▶ Proper medical care, physical therapy, education, training, rehabilitation and guidance to develop their ability and maximum potential;
- ▶ Economic security and decent standards of living; to perform productive work and engage on any meaningful occupation;
- ▶ To live with their own families or foster care, and to participate in community life.

# structure

- ▶ The mentally retarded person has , to the maximum degree of feasibility , the same rights as under human beings.
- ▶ The mentally retarded person has a right to proper medical care
- ▶ Right of economic security.
- ▶ whenever possible, the mentally retarded person should live with his own family or with his foster parents and participate in different forms of community life.
- ▶ The family with which he lives should receive assistance.

# characteristics

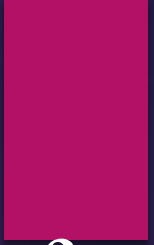
- ▶ The mentally retarded person has, to the maximum degree of feasibility, the same rights as other human beings.
- ▶ The mentally retarded person has a right to proper medical care and physical therapy and to such education, training, rehabilitation and guidance as will enable him to develop his ability and maximum potential.



- ▶ The mentally retarded person has a right to a qualified guardian when this is required to protect his personal well-being and interests.
- ▶ The mentally retarded person has a right to protection from exploitation, abuse and degrading treatment. If prosecuted for any offence, he shall have a right to due process of law with full recognition being given to his degree of mental responsibility.

# FEATURES

- ▶ Emphasizing that the Declaration on Social Progress and Development has proclaimed the necessity of protecting the rights and assuring the welfare and rehabilitation of the physically and mentally disadvantaged,
- ▶ Bearing in mind the necessity of assisting mentally retarded persons to develop their abilities in various fields of activities and of promoting their integration as far as possible in normal life,

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- ▶ Aware that certain countries, at their present stage of development, can devote only limited efforts to this end,
  - ▶ Proclaims this Declaration on the Rights of Mentally Retarded Persons and calls for national and international action to ensure that it will be used as a common basis and frame of reference for the protection of these rights



# IMPORTANCE

- ▶ Promotion of mental health and prevention of mental disorders.
- ▶ Access to basic mental health care.
- ▶ Mental health assessments in accordance with internationally accepted principle.
- ▶ Provision of least restrictive type of mental health care.
- ▶ Self determination.
- ▶ Right to be assisted in the exercise of self-determination.
- ▶ Respect of the rule of law.

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