



## **RIGHTS OF YOUTH AND FAMILIES TO PREVENT ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

- ✓ Youth should have reasonable access to a telephone to make uncensored calls.
- ✓ Youth and caregivers should always be provided with hotlines to call at any time if they feel that their rights are being violated or they are being mistreated.
- ✓ Caregivers should always be notified if their child is sick or injured.
- ✓ Caregivers should always be notified within 24 hours about medication changes and missed dosages.
- ✓ Caregivers should always be notified within 48 hours of any on-site investigations or reports of child abuse and neglect, violation of health and safety standards, or violations of state licensing standards.
- ⊗ Youth should never be subject to abusive disciplinary methods, such as seclusion, restraint, corporal punishment, fear tactics, humiliation, forced labor, medicinal sedation, or the withholding of food, water, clothing, shelter, or medical care.
- ⊗ Caregivers should never be approached with funding incentives to relinquish custody of their child.