

# Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Children's Charter of Rights



All children 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 communities, have a duty to support families by putting the health and well-being of children first.

All children in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph have a right to:

- ✓ a quality of life that meets their physical, intellectual, emotional, spiritual and social needs.
- ✓ have basic needs met including nutritious food, a healthy environment and a safe and comfortable place to live.
- ✓ access quality and affordable child care, early education 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 family violence.
- ✓ be accepted for who they are, and believe what they want without being discriminated against.
- ✓

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Farbridge".

Karen Farbridge, Mayor  
City of Guelph  
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