

## Policies and Procedures : Child Rights Statement

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### **Absolute Leadership Development Inc., Statement Concerning the Rights of a Child.**

Decisions involving children are based on the best interests of the child and a balance of respect for parental responsibility, recognition of the child's evolving capacities and respect for children's basic rights. In view of our contact with minors, children's rights, according to the UN Convention on Children's Rights and Absolute Leadership Development's stance, includes:

1. A child is anyone under the age of 18 and deserves all the rights set out in the convention.
  2. All organizations (Absolute) concerned with children should work towards what is best for each child.
  3. All children have the right to life. Absolute's goal is to aid in child survival and development.
  4. Absolute agrees that children should not be separated from their parents unless it is for their own good, for example if a parent is mistreating or neglecting a child.
  5. Children have the right to think and believe what they want and to practice their religion as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Parents should guide their children on this matter.
  6. Children have a right to privacy. The law should protect them from attacks against their way of life, their good name, their families, and their homes.
  7. Absolute (should we obtain this information) will ensure that children are properly cared for and protected from violence, abuse, and neglect by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.
  8. Children have the right to a standard of living that meets their physical, emotional, mental, social and spiritual needs.
  9. Absolute believes children have the right to education. Education should develop each child's personality and talents to the fullest potential. It should encourage children to respect their parents and their own and other cultures.
  10. Children who have been neglected or abused should receive special help to restore their self-respect. Absolute endeavors to be part of that solution.
  11. It is Absolute's goal, through the sharing of information, to protect children from any activities that could harm their development.
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