

HOW TO SUPPORT BABIES RIGHTS



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*The early years are a “critical period for realizing children’s rights”
(United Nations 2006, p. 3).*

Babies are finding out about their rights through how others treat and care for them. The most important and prominent relationship in a baby’s life is the one with their parents or carers.

Everything is new for me; to help me understand and make sense of the world around me. I need:

New people to be introduced slowly as it takes time for me to get to know them	Article 6 and 27
You to look after me and make sure I am safe and help me grow	Article 6
To be close to a caregiver and be cared for as I learn to build trust and learn new things	Article 5 and 18
New people to be introduced slowly as it takes time for me to get to know them	Article 3
Your attention, time, patience and commitment	Article 6
To use your voice and touch to comfort me when I am upset	Article 19
Be involved in all that you are doing, you can talk to me about what is going on. Talk to me about everyday actions	Article 28
I like to watch those near to me and look into your eyes (eye contact)	Article 6
You to try and see the world as I do	Article 12
To be given things to feel, hold, touch, taste, look and listen to. I want to find out how things work	Article 28
You to play with me and help me get to know you so I feel safe	Article 31
All those who care for me to talk to each other to understand me better and make sure I feel safe and secure wherever I am	Article 19
Help to understand all these big emotions I am experiencing	Article 6
You think about what is best for me when you make any decisions about me	Article 3
To be given a name and begin to learn about who I am	Article 7

MY VOICE

Article 12 - right to express his or her views freely in all matters affecting the child, and to have them taken into account. Children are active participants in family, community and society.



I might not be able to talk but I am already communicating with you, watch my expressions, movements/actions and the sounds I make; this is my language, you just need to learn what it all means.

As you listen to me you will understand me more. I express what I like and don't like through my gaze, movement, facial expressions, noises and sounds I make. Yes, I do cry but I am only trying to tell you something.

I need opportunities to make decisions and express myself as I explore, play and have the chance to make choices. I am me and I have my own individual and unique personality; I just need help to work this out.



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