

RIGHTS FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

A right not to be abused.

A right to freedom from fear of abuse.

A right to anger over past beatings.

A right to choose to change the situation.

A right to request and expect assistance from police and social agencies.

A right to share feelings and not be isolated from others.

A right to want a better model of communication for the children.

A right to be treated as an adult.

A right to leave the battering environment.

A right to privacy.

A right to express thoughts and feelings.

A right to develop individual talents and abilities.

A right to legally prosecute the abuser.

A right not to be perfect.

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