

BILL *of* RIGHTS

DECLARATION FOR SYSTEM-INVOLVED WOMEN & GIRLS

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WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION.

We must determine what success looks like for ourselves. We have the right to lay our own paths free from punitive and controlling systems and the right to input and voice around all services impacting our lives.

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WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM SEXUAL AND PHYSICAL VIOLENCE

perpetrated by our families, our partners, our community, the state, and institutions.

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WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY

regardless of our legal status, past criminal history, or classifications given by the state or institutions.

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WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEMPTION, to break the cycle of abuse and violence. We have the right to heal, the right to own our mistakes, and the right to resources and support to seek transformation on our own terms. We claim the right to be free from discrimination based on criminal history and family history.

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WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACCESS (touch, hear, and see) our children, family, and loved ones when we are in the systems that criminalize and control women and girls.

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WE HAVE THE RIGHT FOR OUR GENDER TO BE

RESPECTED and the right to be free from limiting conceptions of masculinity and femininity.

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WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE OUR MEDICAL CARE DECISIONS

and a right to access on-demand preventative care for our physical, dental, vision, and reproductive health.

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WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACCESS CULTURAL, HOLISTIC, AND PROFESSIONAL METHODS OF HEALING

to address the trauma we are exposed to while we are involved in systems.

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WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO PERMANENT SAFE, HEALTHY, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

and the right to determine what that looks like for ourselves and to participate in the process of seeking it.

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WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACCESS EDUCATION, KNOWLEDGE, AND TECHNOLOGY

while incarcerated that will allow for us to keep up with the work we anticipate returning to when we are no longer part of the system.

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WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE DECLARED FREE FROM ANY DEBT TO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

and the right to our confidentiality when we have completed our time.

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WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE CONSULTED

when institutions want to create, revise, and eliminate policies, legislation, rules, or laws that will impact the way we experience systems.

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