

During the Tri-Cities Kids Matter Conference in February 2020, we re-introduced the Tri-Cities Charter of Rights to the 100 children that attended.

Below are some quotes that correlated to the Rights. Each right is considered equal for the health and well-being of the children to grow up to have a good life.

1. The right to have a voice –

"I feel comfortable saying my opinion, if you have a voice, you can speak up for your other rights."

2. The right to be loved and have a family –

"They support you when you need it. If you're having trouble with something, they'll [adults] help you"

3. The right to have friends –

"Have people that understand you if you get emotional and don't care that you cry like my best friends and family"

4. The right to belong -

"You need people to be there when you make a mistake and care for who you are."

5. The right to have peace and safety –

"We need a safe life where people can't hurt you."

6. The right to have a clean environment –

"All the rights are respected except the clean environment one because of global warming and stuff."

7. The right to have a home –

"Right to a home [is important] because I know people who need a safe home."

8. The right to have space for recreation and play –

"A playground is a source of entertainment; I can ride my bike just about anywhere."

9. The right to learn –

"Teachers make an effort to make school fun with good learning."

10. The right to be respected –

"It starts with making sure you are respecting your own rights by taking care of yourself."

11. The right to nutritious food and healthy living –

"Some people in the world don't have access to nutritious food but here we do."

12. The right to explore, dream and create –

"Walking in the forest calms me. It gives me time to think without distractions."

"To be equal. It doesn't matter who you are, we should all be equal"