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When you are involved in an APS investigation or a case is open for APS services, you have certain rights.

- The right to know there is an open APS case and the allegations.
- The right to be informed that APS must complete an investigation and may be required to take action to address immediate safety concerns.
- The right to have your confidential information protected, as allowed by law.
- The right to discuss the situation with the APS Supervisor if you have concerns with the manner in which the investigation was conducted.
- The right to accept, withdraw, or refuse protective services interventions, unless there is a reason to believe there is not capacity to consent. However, law enforcement may be notified to address immediate safety concerns.
- The right to have any action taken by DCF staff on your behalf in the least restrictive manner necessary.
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