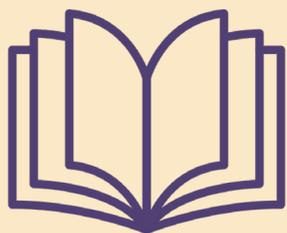


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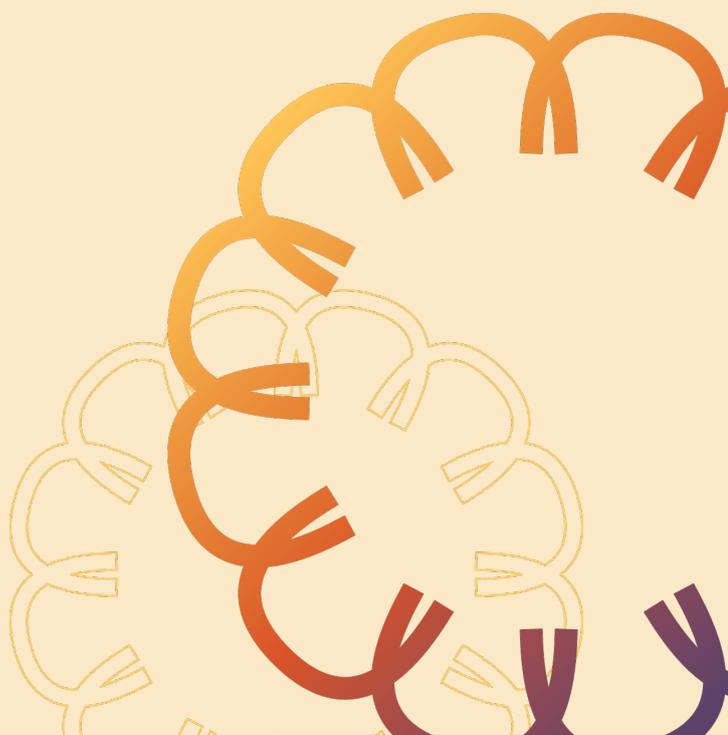
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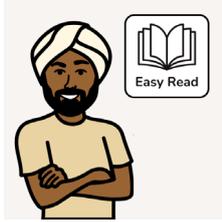


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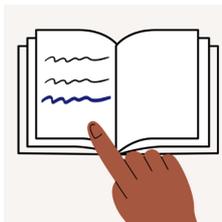
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This is an Easy Read book.



Easy Read uses pictures to explain ideas.



New words are **bold and blue**.



We tell you what new words mean.

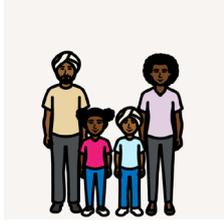


Easy Read includes key information.



You can find more information here
www.qld.gov.au/humanrights.

About this book



This book explains the right to protection of families and children.



We call it **the right** in this book.



The right is set out in Section 26 of the **Human Rights Act 2019**.



The Human Rights Act 2019 is a law that protects the human rights of people in Queensland.



The information in this book is **not** legal advice.

What does the right say?



The right says

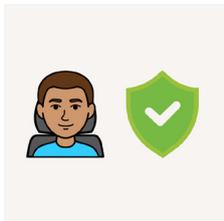
- families are important



- families and children have a right to protection



- children get special protection



- the government must put the **best interests** of the child first when making decisions.



Best interests means doing what is most safe and fair for the child.

The right has 2 parts

1. Families look different



Families look different based on things like

- where you live



- your culture.



The right to protection **still** protects you if

- parents are not married



- family members live far away from each other



- parents are not together anymore.

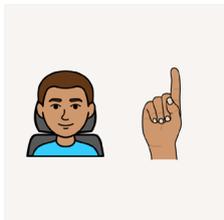
2. Children get more protection



Children have the same rights as adults.



Children get **special protection** because of their age.



The government must put the needs of children before the needs of adults.

When is the right important?



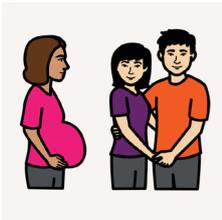
The right is important in many situations.



The right is important for people who manage family contact and **intervention orders**.



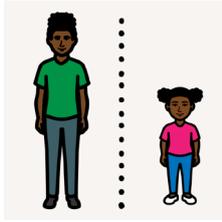
Intervention orders mean a judge stops people from being in contact.



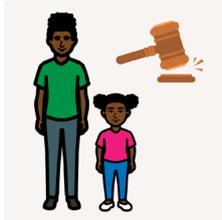
The right is important when a child is part of an **adoption or surrogacy**.



Adoption or surrogacy means a child is in the legal care of people who are **not** the birth parents.



The right is important when children are taken away from a family or **guardian** to keep them safe.



A guardian is anyone with legal care of the child.



The right is important for managing family violence.



The right is important in the **justice system**.

For example

- police and lawyers



- courts and judges



- prisons.

More information

Read Section 26



Queensland Human Rights Commission website
www.qhrc.qld.gov.au/your-rights/human-rights-law/right-to-protection-of-families-and-children

Read the Human Rights Act 2019



Queensland Government Legislation website
www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2019-005