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Our Values

Equality for all

Freedom of speech

To be free from
discriminationn

To be treated with respect

More accountability and
engagement from government

Language Justice

Opportunity to work and
receive sufficient income

Opportunity to grow up
happy and healthy



Declaration of Rights for Children and Families of East Harlem

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We, the East Harlem Action Collaborative, comprised of mothers and grandmothers who reside in East Harlem, believe that children and families in our communities have rights to conditions that support their health and well-being. This Declaration describes the rights that we want for our children and yours.

Education

1. An equitable education system with access to high-quality schools, sufficient qualified teachers, and specialists
2. Support for early childcare be it at home or in a center, school, or other environments
3. A variety of programs for children including art, music, sports, special interest, after-school, and summer programs that are free or reduced price, with sufficient capacity to serve all children
4. Curriculum that teaches about discrimination
5. Opportunities to support our children's dreams



Education and Health

1. Mental health screenings and health checks for kids in schools
2. Doctors and healthcare professionals that come into the schools to provide services to children
3. Education for parents on their rights, especially regarding services for children with special needs
4. Access to public services in our native languages with sufficient interpretation services in all settings
5. Planned parenthood programs and pregnancy prevention courses

Health

1. Adequate, affordable, and free health care
2. Access to health services in a timely manner, especially for kids with special needs
3. Health services including asthma, eye screenings, and dental appointments available both during and after school hours, so children do not have to miss school
4. Mental health services that meet the needs of the community
5. Substance abuse treatment programs for youth and adults
6. High-quality therapy for children with special needs
7. Ability to breathe in an environment without pollution, free from smoke and drugs
8. Freedom to make our own decision[s]

Food and Health

1. Access to affordable and healthy foods for raising happy healthy children

Housing and Quality of Life

1. Affordable housing
2. Safe, healthy, and clean-living conditions (no mold, pollution, roaches)
3. Sufficient support for those without homes
4. Communities free of trash and dilapidated houses and buildings

Safety

1. To live in a safe community
2. To put an end to killings
3. To be free of violence and weapons in the streets

Programs

1. Effective and high-quality government agencies and programs
2. Advocacy and support to help access and navigate services, especially for those who are not computer savvy or who speak a language other than English
3. Clean, functional recreational centers for kids and groups where youth can interact
4. Children who have special needs to have complete access to programs

