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The Convention on the Rights of the Child is a universally agreed set of non-negotiable standards and obligations. These basic standards — also called human rights — set minimum entitlements and freedoms that should be respected by governments. They are founded on respect for the dignity and worth of each individual, regardless of race, colour, gender, language, religion, opinions, origins, wealth, birth status or ability and therefore apply to every human being, everywhere.

The four core principles of the Convention are:

- non-discrimination
- devotion to the best interests of the child
- the right to life, survival and development
- respect for the views of the child.

The Convention protects children's rights by setting standards in health care, education, and legal, civil and social services.

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