

## Bill of Rights for "Misunderstood Kids"

### HELP ME TO FOCUS...

Please teach me through my sense of touch. I need "hands-on" and body movement.

### I NEED TO KNOW WHAT COMES NEXT...

Please give me a structured environment where there is a dependable routine. Give me an advance warning if there will be changes.

### WAIT FOR ME, I'M STILL THINKING...

Please allow me to go at my own pace. If I'm rushed, I get confused and upset.

### I'M STUCK, I CAN'T DO IT...!

Please offer me options for problem solving. If the road is blocked, I need to know the detours.

### IS IT RIGHT? I NEED TO KNOW NOW...

Please give me rich and immediate feedback on how I'm doing.

### I DIDN'T KNOW I WASN'T IN MY SEAT...!

Please remind me to stop, think, and act.

### AM I ALMOST DONE...?

Please give me short work periods with short-term goals.

### WHAT...?

Please don't say "I already told you that." Tell me again, in different words. Give me a signal. Draw me a symbol.

### I KNOW IT'S ALL WRONG, ISN'T IT...?

Please give me praise for partial success. Reward me for self-improvement, not just for perfection.

### BUT WHY DO I ALWAYS GET YELLED AT...?

Please catch me doing something right and praise me for the specific positive behavior. Remind me--and yourself--about my good points when I'm having a bad day.

