

Session 17: How can we help children understand legal changes 12 – 16 years?

Activity: Rights and responsibilities

Family activity at home:

1. Explain the purpose of the home activity to your children including why it is important to:
 - understand the legal changes from age 12 – 16 years and their personal responsibilities
2. Introduce the idea of new legal changes and responsibilities with your children and complete the **Legal changes** activity provided.
3. You may wish to focus on one of the legal changes that will happen between 12 – 16 years such as:
 - work part-time, with permission from your school
 - go into a pub with an adult (but you cannot drink alcohol)
 - be fingerprinted by the police (if they have an appropriate order)
 - be convicted of a crime
 - you can see a 15 rated film at the cinema
 - you can be sent to youth custody (16 – 21 years)
4. Complete the **Rights and responsibilities** activity provided, with appropriate support, then ask them to reflect on the following:
 - Do they think these new legal changes are essential?
 - Do they think they should have any others?
 - Do they feel these new legal entitlements are age/stage appropriate?

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Handout: Legal changes

Name		Age	
At age 12:		True	False
1	you can buy an animal as a pet		
At age 13:			
2	you can open a bank account		
At age 14:			
3	you can work part-time, with permission, from your school		
4	you can go into a pub with an adult (but you cannot drink)		
5	you can be fingerprinted by the police (if they have an appropriate order)		
6	you can be convicted of a crime		
At age 15:			
7	you can see a 15 rated film at the cinema		
8	you can be sent to youth custody		
At age 16:			
9	you can leave school (depending on your birthday)		
10	you can work full-time		
11	you will pay Tax and National Insurance if working		
12	you can join a trade union		
13	you can claim Social Security Benefits (specific circumstances)		
14	you can apply for your own home through your local council		
15	you can choose your own GP		
16	you can buy a lottery ticket		
17	you do not have to pay NHS prescription charges (Scotland only)		
18	you can get married (with your parents' permission in England and Wales)		
19	you can have a sexual relationship		
20	you can take your driving test if you are disabled		

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Name:		Age:
Between 14 and 15 you will be able to:	A responsibility I would need to demonstrate:	Impact on me? Impact on others?
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