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“Children are not the people of tomorrow, but are people of today.”
Janusz Korczak (1878-1942)

Article 23 of CRC: Children with disabilities

“...full and decent life in conditions which ensure dignity, promote self-reliance and facilitate the child’s active participation in their community.”


**Article 2: The principle of non-discrimination**

Article 2 represents the first ever inclusion of disability as a ground for protection against discrimination in a human rights treaty.

The Committee warns about vulnerability of children with disabilities to both direct and indirect discrimination.

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**Article 3: The best interest of the child**

The obligation to ensure that the best interests of children are taken as a primary consideration extends to public or private institutions.

All decisions concerning children with disabilities must be guided by the principle of BIC, in line with the interpretation provided in GC14.
Children with disabilities have an equal right to life and optimum development, but discrimination can reduce survival & life quality.

Practices that deny them these rights: abandonment, violence, and discrimination in the provision of care need to be addressed.

**Article 6: Right to life, survival, and development**

- provide the necessary support to children with disabilities to enable them to express their views;

- to provide training for parents/professionals on promoting children’s evolving capacities to take responsibilities for decision-making;

**Article 12: Right to be heard**

The thing that is the most frustrating is being left out of the conversation. I am right there and everyone is fighting about accommodations and no one bothers to ask me. Even when I speak up they don’t seem to want to listen.
The Convention on the Rights of the Persons with Disability (CRPD):

- re-asserts Article 12 of the CRC and demands that children with disabilities, are provided with disability and age-appropriate assistance to realise that right and form identity (CRPD, Article 7:3) and

THANK YOU!

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