I have a right to be healthy

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Adopted in 1989
Most widely adopted international legal document

196 signatories

Acknowledges "children are entitled to, and require, special care, assistance and protection"

Signatories have committed to respect and ensure the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of all children

ARTICLE 24 and its impact on health

Article 24 of the Convention states all children shall enjoy "the highest attainable standard of health and access to facilities for the treatment of illness and rehabilitation of health"

This means countries who have signed are committed to:

- Provide medical assistance & health care to all children
- Developing preventative care
- Combating disease & malnutrition
- Diminishing infant & child mortality
- Informing, educating, & supporting society in child health knowledge

ARTICLE 24 and its impact on NCDs

All of these commitments can have a positive impact on children, adolescents, and young people at risk of, living with, and affected by NCDs

How can you support Article 24?

- Lobby for child-friendly health policies, like banning smoking in public places or requiring sidewalks in high-traffic areas
- Educate your networks on how children’s health challenges are unique and therefore require unique solutions
- Support health-promotion in schools in your community
- Mentor young advocates on how to take control of their health and health outcomes
- Support the development of/provide a platform for young advocates to get involved

Tell us how you plan to support article 24 at:

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