1. **AUTHORITY:** Authority for this policy is found in chapter 54-23.3, 12-46 and 12-47 of the North Dakota Century Code.

2. **DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS:**
   
   A. **Grievance for Inmates and Juveniles:** A circumstance or action considered unjust and grounds for complaint or resentment or a response to that circumstance in the form of a written complaint filed with the appropriate body.

   B. **Inmate:** An offender housed in a Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facility or the Dakota Women’s Correctional and Rehabilitation Center.

   C. **Juvenile for all Juvenile Community Policies and Procedures:** A juvenile who is supervised by an officer of the juvenile court or has been adjudicated unruly or delinquent by the juvenile court and placed in the custody of the Division of Juvenile Services.

   D. **Juvenile for all Medical and Juvenile Corrections Policies and Procedures:** A juvenile who is supervised by an officer of the juvenile court or has been adjudicated delinquent and placed in the custody of the Division of Juvenile Services and placed at the North Dakota Youth Correctional Center.

3. **POLICY:** Each Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facility will have procedures in place for inmate or juvenile rights including access to courts, counsel, program and services, media, protection from harm, protection from unreasonable searches, grievance procedures, and freedom from discrimination.

4. **SIGNATURE:** This policy becomes effective when signed by the Director of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.