

# Mandatory reporting

## Vulnerable Adult

Legal definition & Reporting

## What is a **vulnerable** adult?

- A person 18 years or older that has impairment of mental, physical or emotional function.
- A person who is unable, or unlikely, to report abuse or neglect without assistance

# Who is a Mandated Reporter?

- Direct Service Providers that:
  - KNOW OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A VULNERABLE ADULT
  - HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ABUSE OR NEGLECT HAS AND/ OR IS OCCURRING.
  - KNOW THAT UNEXPLAINED PHYSICAL INJURY HAS OCCURRED POSSIBLY INFLICTED BY THE CARE GIVER

# YOU ARE A MANDATED REPORTER

- When:
  - You have responsibility for the care of a vulnerable adult as a result of a caregiving relationship.
  - You have assumed responsibility for all or part of the care of a vulnerable adult.
    - By volunteering, contract or agreement.

# TYPES OF ABUSE

- Physical
  - Assault, hitting, slapping, pushing or restraining. Denying assistance with toileting, misusing meds
- Verbal (emotional/psychosocial) Abuse
  - Threatening abuse/abandonment, withdrawing services, isolation, intimidation, harassment, cyber bullying.
- Sexual Abuse
  - Indecent exposure, subjection to viewing/witnessing sexual photography, acts of, pornography, inappropriate touching, looking, teasing, innuendo and/or pressure to consent to acts against the will.
- Financial Exploitation
  - Stealing, inappropriate allocation of property or coercing to assign property, internet scams and doorstep crimes.
- Self Abuse
  - Neglect of self including lack of food, clothing, and medical needs.

# Other Types of Abuse

- Domestic Abuse-This is typically an incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behavior, violence or abuse by someone who is, or has been, an intimate partner or family member.
- Discriminatory Abuse- This includes some forms of harassment, slurs or similar unfair treatment relating to race, gender and gender identity, age, disability, sexual orientation, or religion.

# Reporting Abuse (Internal)

- Oral report by phone immediately to office just like an incident (218)281-3506 remember to include When, Who, Where, What and how we can contact you.
- Administrator will follow up within 72 hours, on weekends and 28 hours on weekdays.
- Copies of incident reports will be sent to appropriate parties.
- Always call 911 in cases that need urgent intervention.

# Reporting Abuse (External)

- Employees may report directly to the appropriate common entry point if the report does not necessarily involve IPI recipients or providers, they are not comfortable reporting to the office or agency personnel. You should always follow with a written report.
- No employee shall be retaliated against for external report.