

Milwaukee County Aging & Disabilities Services

Adult Protective Services Program

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Adult Protective Services Overview

APS Values:

- Adults have the right to be safe.
- Adults retain all their civil and constitutional rights unless a court adjudicates otherwise.
 - *i.e., the right to live their lives as they wish, manage their own finances, enter into contracts, marry, etc.*
- Adults have the right to make decisions that do not conform with societal norms as long as these decisions do not harm others.
- Adults have the right to accept or refuse services



Adult Protective Services Program Overview

- **Court Related Services**
- **Adult Protective Services (Investigations)**
- **Prevention Services**



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Court Related Services

Guardianships

Protective Placements

Court Comprehensive Evaluations



Adult Protective Services Overview

ADULT AT RISK (WI state Statutes § 46.90 and § 55)

- Any adult Under 60 with a disability.

ELDER ADULT AT RISK

- (WI state Statutes § 46.90, WI state Statutes § 55)
- Age 60+ vulnerability of age to Milwaukee County



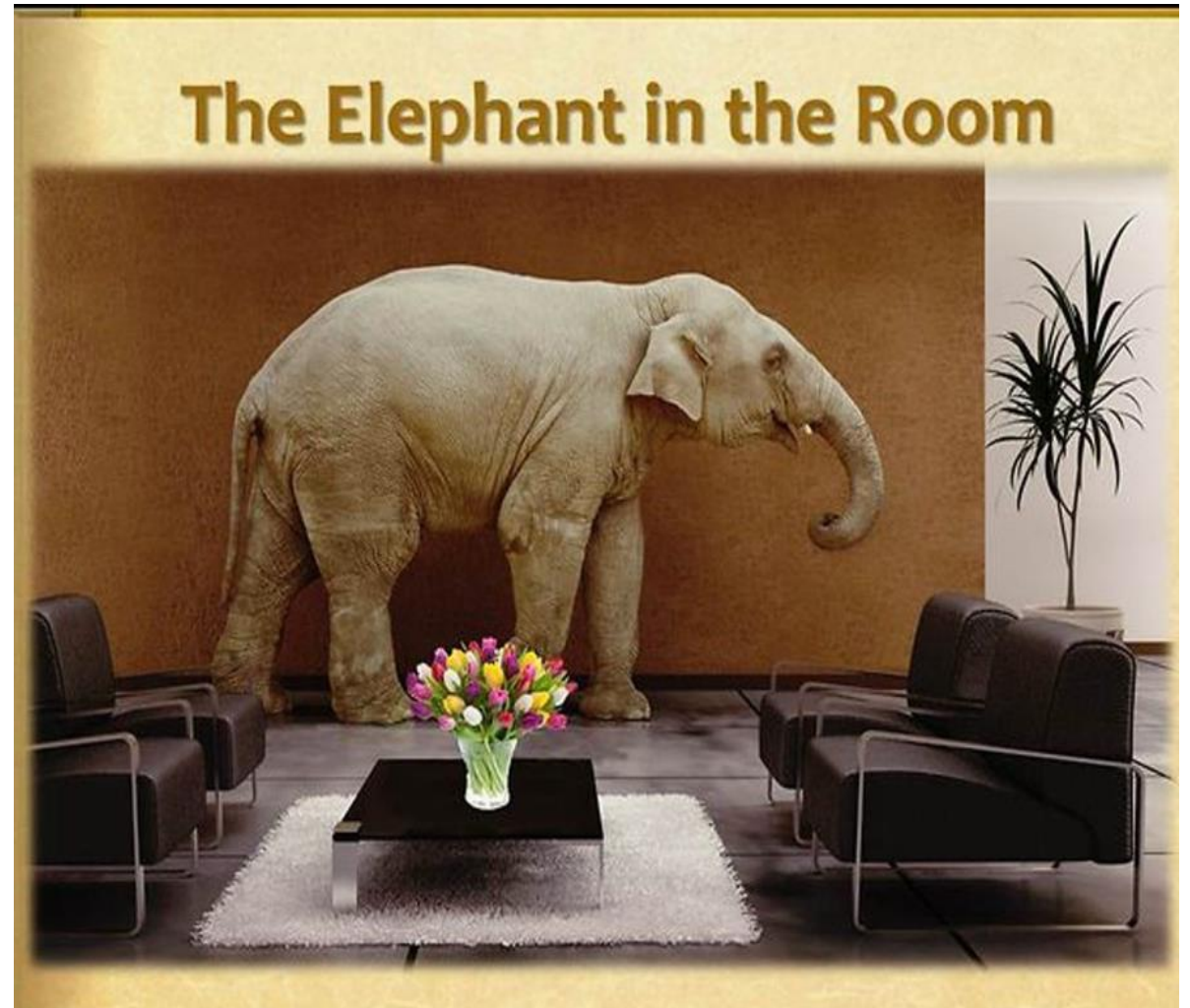
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9ikKP5-s5A>

A Few Stats about Elder Abuse

- 1 in 10 persons aged 60 + Experience Abuse
- Approximately 5 Million per year
- 100% Victims are at 300% Higher risk of Death
- Annual Estimates of Financial Losses from Financial abuse range from 2.9-36.5 Billion Dollars.
- 9% of Victims turn to State Medicaid Funds due to Money Stolen



Milwaukee County Stats



APS Process



Tools: Wisconsin Statutes for investigation, Protective Services, Court Orders for Decision Makers and Protection

Limitations: Self Determination

Investigation

COMPETENCY ISSUES and CLOSED CASES

Decisional (Competent) elders and individuals with disabilities may refuse services and the case will be closed.

A closed investigation is not necessarily a resolution. Each time a NEW report is made an investigation will take place. We are unable to report back the results of the investigation or give any information about an investigation.

Non-Decisional (INCOMPETENT) elders or individuals with disabilities needs are assessed and services are recommended. The investigation process concludes when appropriate services are in place.



Investigations

Protective Services:

Examples:

- in-home caregiving supports
- alternate decision makers
- access transportation
- home delivered meals
- residential placement
- linkage with community resources or benefits
 - Dementia Care Support
 - Public Long-Term Funding & Care



Investigation

Self Determination:

- *Adults have the right to make choices about their life:*
- Examples: refusing services, refusing medical care, living in unsanitary conditions, allowing someone to take their money, choosing to refuse to work with law enforcement or APS
- APS **MUST** Respect a **Decisional** Person's Right to Self Determination. IF there Are Concerns about Decisional Capacity – APS will Petition the Court for Protective Services.



Reporting Considerations

Limited Reporting Rules in Wisconsin §55.043 (1m) § 46.90(4)

If the elder/adult at risk is being seen in the course of a person's professional duties and the professional is licensed/regulated or working for a licensed regulated entity:

AND: the elder/adult at risk has requested the person to make a report

OR: there is reasonable cause to believe the elder/adult at risk is at imminent risk AND is unable to make an informed judgement about reporting

OR: other adults at risk are also at imminent risk



Reporting Considerations

NO report is required if the professional believes that it would not be in the best interest of the elder or adult at risk and can document these reasons in the file.



Making a Referral

- Phone
 - 414-289-6874
- Online Form
 - <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/DHHS/DSD/Adult-Protective-Services-Referral-Form>



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Prevention Services



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Multidisciplinary Initiatives

EMDT Grant

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Upcoming Outreach Events







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