



ABUSE, NEGLECT & EXPLOITATION:
Information for MFP Participants and Their Caregivers

Money Follows the Person

Abuse is defined as physical abuse, harassment, intimidation of a dependent, interference with personal liberty or willful deprivation, but does not include reasonable direction of a minor child by a parent.

Signs of Abuse

<i>Physical Indicators</i>	<i>Financial Indicators</i>
Unhealed injuries; injuries incompatible with explanation; cuts, lacerations or puncture wounds; bruises, welts, discolorations; dehydration; malnourishment; significant weight loss; pale skin color; sunken eyes or cheeks; and/or broken bones.	Unpaid bills with adequate income; food, clothing & care needs not met; complaints about theft of property or money; missing checks, jewelry or other valuables; utility shut-offs or threats of shut-offs; and large or unusual bank transactions.

Neglect is failure to provide an adult with food, shelter, clothing and personal hygiene, medical and rehabilitative care to meet his/her physical and health needs.

Child Abuse is the mistreatment of a child under the age of 18 by a parent, caregiver, or someone living in the child's home or working with or around children.

How to report abuse or suspicion of abuse

If you suspect abuse you should report it. You may report suspicions of abuse anonymously on several hotlines.

To report abuse:

1. Call 911.
2. Call appropriate hotline (see below).
3. Call MFP Transitional Coordinator.



If you or someone you know is being abused call:

Elder Abuse Hotline	1-866-800-1409 1-888-206-1327 (TTY)
Senior Helpline	1-800-252-8966 1-888-206-1326 (TTY)
Child Abuse Hotline	1-800-252-2873 1-800-358-5117 (TTY)
DHS Helpline	1-800-843-6154 1-800-447-6404 (TTY)
Mental Health Hotline	309-673-7373 1-800-273-8255