

**DIVISION OF SENIOR AND DISABILITY SERVICES** 

# 8.00 APPENDIX 1 ABULSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION INDICATORS

The following list contains typical indicators of abuse, neglect, and exploitation (ANE) for the reported adult (RA). This list, while not all inclusive, should serve as a guide for making a report of ANE.

## <u>ABUSE</u>

- > PHYSICAL INDICATORS:
  - Unexplained bruises and welts
  - Bruises in the shape of an object
  - Unexplained fractures
  - Unexplained burns
  - Unexplained lacerations or abrasions
  - Broken bones
  - Injuries on the neck, bottom of feet or genitals
- SEXUAL INDICATORS:
  - Sudden interest in sexual issues
  - Questions regarding pregnancy
  - Bruising on breasts or genital area
  - Acting out inappropriately in a sexual manner

## NEGLECT

- > ENVIRONMENTAL:
  - Excessive garbage in home
  - Inadequate/exposed wiring
  - Rodent or insect infestation
  - Inadequate/unsafe structure such as holes in walls or ceiling of home
  - Inadequate/ no food in home
  - Inadequate/no utilities or shut-off notices for utilities
  - Inadequate/no plumbing or running water
- > PHYSICAL:
  - Inadequate/lack of personal hygiene: not clean, has bad odor, hair matted or tangled
  - Soiled clothing/bedding or same clothing all the time

## > MEDICAL:

- Inadequate/lack of essentials: eyeglasses; hearing aid; teeth; walker; crutches; wheelchair; and/or other prosthetic devices.
- Excessive number of old medicine bottles with outdated prescriptions
- Inadequate/lack of medical care
- Malnourishment and/or dehydration
- Unhealed sores/untreated injuries
- Untreated infections/conditions

## **EXPLOITATION**

- Eviction notices
- Disparity between income/assets and lifestyle
- Sudden or numerous changes to wills or powers of attorney
- Property or money missing
- Sudden change in banking practices
- Unexplained/unauthorized bank withdrawals
- Sudden lack of money or inability to purchase essentials
- Unpaid bills

## **BEHAVIORAL INDICATORS**

- Destructive behaviors unusual to the reported adult
- Yells obscenities at others
- Assaults others
- Tears up belongings of others or themselves
- Threatens self-harm or suicide
- Refuses needed life-sustaining services (medical care)
- Inappropriately displays rage in public
- Steals without an apparent need for the things stolen
- New onset of depression or apathy
- Anger
- Withdrawal stops talking to others, pulls away from usual social pursuits