



OCAPS

Ohio Coalition for Adult
Protective Services

VISION

***An Ohio free of older adult
abuse, neglect, and exploitation.***

Mission Statement

Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services (OCAPS) is a statewide coalition that strives to enhance the provision of services to adults at risk of abuse neglect and exploitation through collaboration education and advocacy.

History of OCAPS

OCAPS was established in 1985, soon after passage of the Adult Protective Services (APS) law in Ohio. The Board of Directors represent multiple disciplines and systems united by a common interest in advancing Ohio's APS program and elder justice.

The primary principles of OCAPS were to:

- To fund the Protective Services Law for Adults**
- To promote additional public policy to protect vulnerable adults**
- To educate professionals and the public about elder abuse**
- To stimulate models for problem detection, prevention and treatment**

More than 30 years later OCAPS is the longest continuous state elder abuse network and its intended purpose it still relevant today.

Who We Are

OCAPS, the nation's longest continuous state elder abuse network, has accomplished much throughout the years, thanks to a shared vision and commitment to that vision.

Activities include the OCAPS Annual Conference, educational trainings and outreach to professionals and the general public, as well as advocacy for funding and legislative changes through testimony, letter writing campaigns, and meetings with elected and appointed public officials.

The Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services strives to maximize protections and dignity of older adults through collaboration, education and advocacy.

Conference

Communications

Membership
&
Development

Public Policy

Regional
Affiliates

Kristina Allwood, Co-Chair

Terri Ruslander, Co-Chair

Deanna Green, Immediate Past Chair

Sylvia Pla-Raith, Second Vice Chair

Melanie Hankinson, Treasurer

Maridell Couture, Chair , Public Policy Committee

Carol Dayton and Sue Daugherty, Co-Chairs, Membership and Development Committee

Natasha Pietrocola and Heidi Turner-Stone, Co- Chairs, Conference Committee

Kristina Allwood, Co-Chair, Communications Committee

Regional Affiliates

Regional Affiliates are regional partners to the Board of Directors who share the mission and purpose of OCAPS. They provide resources for advocacy, education and recommendations for consideration to the Board of Directors. Five Regional Affiliates have been established by OCAPS: Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest.

Annual Conference – Save the Date



**APS: The Passion,
Loyalty, and
Devotion
Continues**

March 14, 2025

THE FAWCETT CENTER - COLUMBUS, OHIO



Join the OCAPS Team



MEMBERSHIP RATES

Individual - \$50

Student/Retiree - \$25

Organizational Levels:

1-5 Staff - \$125

6-10 Staff - \$250

11-15 Staff - \$500

16+ Staff - \$750

Let's make a difference together!

Join Today!

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Adult Protective Services

Washington County Job and Family Services

What is Adult Protective Services?

County Job and Family Services or designated agency shall investigate reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of persons sixty years of age or older living in independent living arrangements.



What is Abuse?

Abuse is the infliction upon an adult by self or other of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or cruel punishment with resulting harm, pain, or anguish.

Types of Abuse:

Sexual

Physical

Emotional

Signs of Possible Abuse

- Bruises, black eyes, welts, lacerations, cuts, punctures, or rope marks
- Untreated injuries in various stages of healing
- Sudden changes in behavior, such as becoming upset or agitated for no visible reason
- Becoming suddenly withdrawn or less talkative
- Caregiver refuses to allow visitors to see the adult alone



What is Neglect?

Neglect is any of the following:

Self-Neglect is failure of an adult to provide for self the goods or services necessary to avoid physical harm, mental anguish or mental illness.

Neglect by others is failure of a caretaker to provide goods or services or abandonment.

(Ohio Revised Code 5101.60)

Signs of Possible Neglect/Self-Neglect

- Hazardous or unsafe living conditions or arrangement, such as improper wiring or lack of heat or running water
- Unsanitary or unclean living conditions, including excessive dirt, fleas, lice, soiled bedding, fecal or urine smell, or inadequate clothing
- Dehydration, malnutrition, untreated bedsores, or poor personal hygiene
- Unattended or untreated health problems
- Lack of food or medication



(Ohio Department of Job and Family Service, 2015)

What is Exploitation?

Exploitation means the unlawful or improper act of a person using, in one or more transactions, an adult or an adult's resources for monetary or personal benefit, profit, or gain when the person obtained or exerted control over the adult or the adult's resources in any of the following ways:

- (1) Without the adult's consent or the consent of the person authorized to give consent on the adult's behalf;
- (2) Beyond the scope of the express or implied consent of the adult or the person authorized to give consent on the adult's behalf;
- (3) By deception;
- (4) By threat;
- (5) By intimidation.

(Ohio Revised Code 5101.60)

Signs of Possible Exploitation

- Sudden appearance of previously uninvolved relatives who claim rights to vulnerable adult's affairs and possessions
- Unexplained, sudden transfer of assets to a family member or someone outside the family by deception, threat or intimidation
- Forgery of an elderly person's signature for financial transactions or for the titles of his her possessions
- Unexplained disappearance of funds or valuable possessions
- Unable to pay normal monthly bills



Mandated Reporters in Ohio



Attorneys

Doctors/Dentists

Psychologists

Nurses

Social Workers

Counselors

Police Officers

Coroners

Clergymen

Senior Service Providers

Employees of:
community mental health facility,
residential care facility, nursing home, or
home for the aged, community alternative
home, adult care facility, ambulatory
health facility, home health agencies.

(Ohio Department of Job and Family
Services, 2015)

Information Helpful to Make Report

Provide as much of the following information as possible:

- Name, address and approximate age of person
- Name and address of the person responsible for the person's care
- The name and address of alleged perpetrator if different from caretaker
- The reason you suspect abuse, neglect, or exploitation
- The nature and extent of suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation
- Any other known information

(Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, 2015)

What Happens After a Report is Made?

Emergency cases that pose immediate or irreparable physical harm or death investigations begin within 24 hours.

Nonemergency cases investigations begins within three business days.

Reporter identity is kept confidential; unless ordered by court.

(Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, 2015)

Protective Service Assistance

Help with food, clothing, and medical care

Housing Services

House Repairs

Counseling

Shut-Off Notices

Casework Services

Mental Health Services

Home Health Care

Homemaker Services

Legal Services

Guardianship





WASHINGTON COUNTY
HOME



**THE
WASHINGTON
COUNTY
HOME WAS
BUILT IN
1840, WHICH
IS OVER 180
YEARS OF
CONTINUOUS
SERVICE TO
OUR
COMMUNITY.**

WASHINGTON COUNTY HOME MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROVIDE A SAFE,
COMFORTABLE HOME FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY
RESIDENTS WHO MAY NEED
ASSISTANCE WITH DAILY
ACTIVITIES OF LIFE WHILE
SUPPORTING INDEPENDENCE
AND DIGNITY.





ADMISSIONS

APPLICANTS MUST BE:

- A WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENT CONTINUOUSLY FOR 18 MONTHS
- 18 YEARS OR OLDER
- AMBULATORY
- ABLE TO FEED AND DRESS HIMSELF OR HERSELF
- ABLE TO PASS A PRE-ADMISSION DRUG SCREEN AND BACKGROUND CHECK

FACILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

- RECREATION
AREA
- PICNIC
SHELTER
- DESIGNATED
SMOKE
AREAS
- TWO FISH
PONDS
- EXERCISE
EQUIPMENT
- APPLE
ORCHARD
- NATURE
TRAIL
- SPA
- SALON
- GENERAL
STORE
- GARDEN



GENERAL STORE



ACTIVITIES

- BINGO
- MOVIES
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- PARTIES & EVENTS
- MUSIC & MEMORY
- FISHING
- CHURCH SERVICES
- MULES RIDES
- SHOPPING
- LUNCH BUNCH
- EXCURSIONS



SOURCE OF INCOME

Source	Amount
2.0 mill Operating Levy	90%
Resident Income	9%
Farm Income	1%







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SERVICES

- PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES
- DENTAL
- CHURCH
- BEAUTY/BARBER
- NURSING
- DIETARY
- SOCIAL SERVICES
- LAUNDRY
- HOUSEKEEPING
- PHARMACEUTICAL
- MEDICAL RECORDS

RESIDENT AGE RANGES





