



# Choices In Community Living

## **ABUSER REGISTRY ANNUAL NOTICE**

(On-line training and review series)

# Regulatory Oversight



- The Ohio Department of DD maintains an Abuser Registry of individuals/ employees who the Department has determined **have abused, neglected, had sexual contact with, stolen property from, or did not report the abuse or neglect** of an individual with Developmental Disabilities

# The Abuser Registry List

- If your name is placed on the Abuser Registry you are **barred from employment** as an DD employee in this state for a minimum of five (5) years.



Whose names may be placed on the Abuser Registry?



- The name of any “DD employee” may be placed on the Abuser Registry.
- DD employee includes any Department employee, any employee of a county board of DD, **and any employee providing specialized services to an individual with DD.**

# Definition:

## *Specialized Services*

- Service designated to primarily serve individuals with DD including services by an entity licensed or certified by the Department.

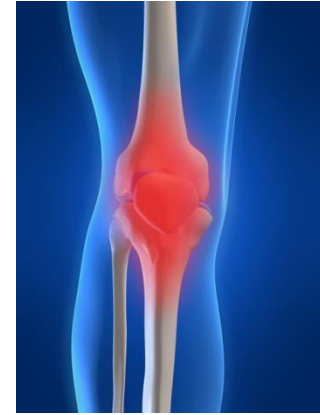
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# Abuser Registry Offenses

## *How to get on the list*

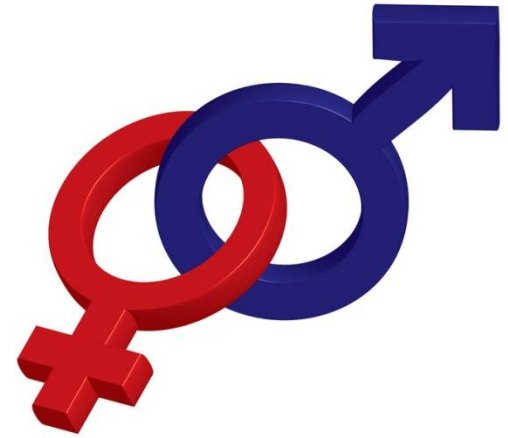
- The Department may place the name of a DD employee on the Abuser Registry...
  - if it determines that the employee has committed any of the following offenses against an individual with MRJDD.

# Definitions: Abuse (*Physical*)



- Abuse includes the use of any physical force that could reasonably be expected to result in physical harm.

# Abuse (*Sexual*)



- Abuse includes unlawful sexual conduct (unprivileged intercourse or other sexual penetration)
- Abuse includes unlawful sexual contact (unprivileged touching of another's erogenous zone).



# Abuse (*Verbal*)



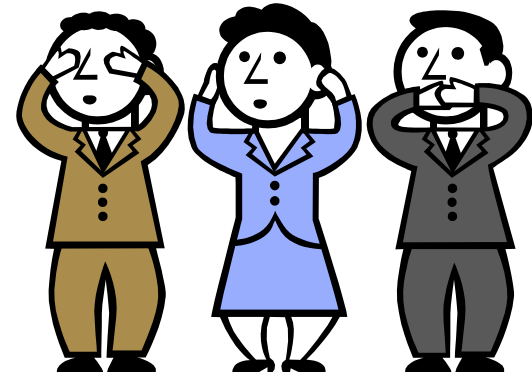
- Verbal abuse means purposely using words to threaten, coerce, intimidate, harass or humiliate an individual.

# Sexual Contact means...



- The touching of an erogenous zone for sexual gratification
  - whether or not consensual,
  - by a DD employee of an individual in the employee's care who is not the employee's spouse.

# Client Neglect means...



- When there is a duty to do so,
  - failing to provide an individual with any treatment, care, goods, or services necessary to maintain the health or safety of the individual.

# Misappropriation means...



- This means **obtaining the property of an individual or individuals, without consent.**
- Theft of any check, credit card, ATM card and the like are Abuser Registry offenses.

**(Theft)**



# Failure to Report

Abuse, Neglect or Misappropriation

- An employee may be placed on the Abuser Registry if the employee
  - Unreasonably does not report abuse, neglect or misappropriation of the property of an individual with a DD

# Failure to Report

Abuse, Neglect, Misappropriation



- Also includes

- Failing the report the substantial risk to a DD individual of abuse, neglect or misappropriation, **when the employee should know that hisher non-reporting will result in a substantial risk of harm to such individual**

CICL must provide...



- annual notice to each of our employees information explaining the conduct for which an DD employee may be placed on the Abuser Registry.



- Thank you for your time and participation