Developmental Disabilities Services

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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Subject: Reminder of Mandatory Reporting during COVID-19 pandemic

Applies to (check all that apply):

- All DHS employees
- Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type}
- Aging and People with Disabilities
- Self Sufficiency Programs
- County DD program managers
- Support Service Brokerage Directors
- ODDS Children’s Residential Services
- Child Welfare Programs
- County Mental Health Directors
- Health Services
- Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)
- ODDS Children’s Intensive In Home Services
- Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)
- Other (please specify): Support Service Brokerages, all DD Providers

Message:
Governor Brown has issued Executive Order 20-03, allowing for state agencies to develop and implement procedures that are in response to COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). This has prompted numerous changes to procedures and practices across the state and has resulted in a significant decrease in reporting of suspected abuse.

Given the decrease in reporting, the Department believes it is imperative that individuals working with people with developmental disabilities understand their obligation and responsibilities related to mandatory reporting under Oregon Law and know how to make a report of suspected abuse.

You are required by law to report suspected abuse of:

- children
- adults age 65 and over
- adults with developmental disabilities
- adults with mental illness, and
• residents in nursing facilities

Reports of suspected abuse of vulnerable Oregonians should be made to 1-855-503-SAFE (7233).

The Department has developed a free online training that is specific to the laws for mandatory abuse reporting for adults with developmental disabilities. The online training is available on the iLearn.oregon.gov website under the course title Mandatory Reporting: People with Developmental Disabilities. The Course link is as follows: https://ilearn.oregon.gov(dl.aspx?id=6C375B2E945644279894AC45C59FCAE8

All non-State employees are welcome to take the training but need to create an account to access the course. To create an account, follow this link: How To Create A New Account For Non-State Employees

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