

SUBJECT: PROTECTION AND DETECTION OF
INJURY, DISEASE, AND ABUSE OF CONSUMER

EFFECTIVE

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POLICY

The policy of McIntosh Trail CSB prohibits corporal punishment, fear eliciting procedures, neglect, and physical or verbal abuse of any kind toward consumers with either mental illness, developmental disability, and/or addictive diseases.

It is recognized that persons with disabilities are especially at risk for unrecognized injury, disease, abuse and neglect.

It is the policy of McIntosh Trail CSB that protection and detection of injury, disease, abuse and neglect shall be governed by the following procedures:

PROCEDURE:

While working with consumers, staff will be alert to the following in regard to protection and detection:

1. Visible physical indicators, which include but are not limited to, bruises, lacerations, abrasions, burns, suspicion of fractures, breaks, sprains, and any procedures that may result in withholding or not providing nutritionally adequate care;
2. Unusual changes in behavior, mannerisms, or level of functioning;
3. Verbal complaints of pain;
4. Verbal reports of abuse, neglect, injury, or disease communicated by consumer or eyewitness.

As mandated reporters, staff document in the chart and report any of the above indicators to the appropriate authorities.

If the presented evidence gives cause to believe that abuse or neglect has occurred, the staff will immediately report such evidence to Adult Protective Services or Child Protective Services. Reports will contain home addresses of all persons involved, the nature and extent of the injuries, and other information that might be helpful in establishing the cause of the injuries and the identity of the perpetrator, if known. Photographs used as documentation of evidence of abuse shall not reveal the identity of the consumer and shall be made available as soon as possible to Child Protective Services of the Department of Family and Children Services and to Adult Protective Services of the Council on Aging. Allegations of abuse or neglect are reported on the Critical Incident Report.

If the consumer is in need of medical attention, staff will arrange and the plan of medical attention will be documented in the chart.

References: Critical Incident Report
GA State Statute OCGA 19.7.5(c) (1)