The Department on Aging Respects Your Legal Rights

• If you need help, we will do our best to work with you to make sure you receive only appropriate services.

• We will do our best to find out if you have given someone a power of attorney to help you make decisions.

• We will keep our visit confidential.

• We will talk with you and the court to keep everyone informed about what we are doing.

More information about the Illinois law on self-neglect can be found on the Internet at:

www.illinois.gov/aging

State of Illinois
Department on Aging

Senior HelpLine:
1-800-252-8966,
1-888-206-1327 (TTY)
www.illinois.gov/aging
Why are we here today?

• The Department on Aging helps adults age 60 years or older and adults age 18-59 with disabilities who may be at risk for self-neglect.

• Self-neglect occurs when an adult is unable to perform certain essential tasks and may need additional help.

• Illinois has a law that enables the Department on Aging to help adults who may be at risk of harming themselves.

• To make this law fair, the Department on Aging worked with doctors, nurses, social workers, lawyers and many others.

At-Risk Adults Have Rights

• You have the right to be treated like any other person in Illinois.

• You have the right to be treated with dignity and respect.

• You have the right to make your own decisions unless a judge says you need help. Even if a judge says you need help, you have the right to be a part of any decisions made that affect you.

• You have the right to be given information to help you make decisions.

The Department on Aging Respects You

• We will do everything we can to protect your right to be independent and make your own decisions.

• We will help all adults.

• We respect men and women and all races and religions.

• We will make every effort to talk with you in the language you can understand best.

• With your permission, we will work with your family and friends to help you.