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Abuser’s relationship to victim by abuse type

Type of Abuse

- Emotional Exploitation
- Physical Exploitation
- Emotional Abuse
- Physical Abuse
- Exploitation
- Confine
- Sexual Abuse

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Leading Abuser Indicators

- Actions of Abuser: 48%
- Inappropriate/Unusual Bank Activities: 46%
- Behavior of Abuser: 38%
- Abuser Controls Cash: 36%
- Physical/Medical Care of Elder: 26%
- Statements of Person: 19%
- Violent Actions of Abusers: 18%

Major indicators of abuse that were evident during the assessment process are documented by the APS caseworker using hundreds of abuse indicator codes. Actions of the abuser, i.e., inappropriate supervision for the person, not providing needed assistance, (withholding food, water, and/or medications, and refusing services) were found in almost all cases. Controlling the person’s finances and unusual financial transactions were documented in 36% and 46% of the reports, respectively.

Sex of victms by abuse type

- Male
- Female

- Physical
- Emotional
- Neglect
- Exploitation
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Leading Barriers of Victims

- Living with Abuser(s): 39%
- Functionally Impaired: 33%
- Cognitively Impaired: 17%
- Non-ambulatory: 12%
- Emotional Issues: 11%
- Hearing Impaired: 11%
- Visually Impaired: 10%
- Developmentally Disabled: 5%

Three out of five victims suffered from one or more barriers to independent living: 33% of victims were functionally impaired, meaning they had difficulty performing daily tasks such as walking, personal care, meal preparation, laundry and housekeeping. Many of these persons were victims of neglect and deprivation.

Types of Abuse Reported

- Number of Reports Received
- Type of Abuse

- Financial Exploitation: 8,290
- Emotional Abuse: 6,435
- Passive Neglect: 6,195
- Physical Abuse: 3,595
- Willful Deprivation: 2,140
- Confinement: 1,273
- Sexual Abuse: 764

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Source of Abuse Reports

- Percent of Reports Received
- Source

- Social Worker: 21%
- Family: 15%
- Medical Personnel: 12%
- Self: 8%
- Bank/Financial Institution: 6%
- Other Mandated Reporter: 5%
- Anonymous: 5%
- APS CW/CE Coordinator: 4%
- Law Enforcement: 4%
- Community Care Program Employee: 3%
- Friend: 3%

33% of cases were reported by social workers or medical personnel. Family members were responsible for 15% of all reports, and victims self-reported in 8% of all cases. Self-reports were most likely to occur in physical, sexual, and emotional financial exploitation cases.

Sex of abuser by abuse type

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- All Types

49% of the abusers were male and 51% were female.