



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5101.60 Adult protective services definitions.

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As used in sections 5101.60 to 5101.73 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Abandonment" means desertion of an adult by a caretaker without having made provision for transfer of the adult's care.

(B) "Abuse" means the infliction upon an adult by self or others of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or cruel punishment with resulting physical harm, pain, or mental anguish.

(C) "Adult" means any person sixty years of age or older within this state who is disabled by the infirmities of aging or who has a physical or mental impairment which prevents the person from providing for the person's own care or protection, and who resides in an independent living arrangement.

(D) "Area agency on aging" means a public or private nonprofit entity designated under section 173.011 of the Revised Code to administer programs on behalf of the department of aging.

(E) "Caretaker" means the person assuming the primary responsibility for the care of an adult by any of the following means:

- (1) On a voluntary basis;
- (2) By contract;
- (3) Through receipt of payment for care;
- (4) As a result of a family relationship;
- (5) By order of a court of competent jurisdiction.



(F) "Community mental health agency" means any agency, program, or facility with which a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services contracts to provide the mental health services listed in section 340.99 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Court" means the probate court in the county where an adult resides.

(H) "Emergency" means that the adult is living in conditions which present a substantial risk of immediate and irreparable physical harm or death to self or any other person.

(I) "Emergency services" means protective services furnished to an adult in an emergency.

(J) "Exploitation" means the unlawful or improper act of a person using, in one or more transactions, an adult or an adult's resources for monetary or personal benefit, profit, or gain when the person obtained or exerted control over the adult or the adult's resources in any of the following ways:

(1) Without the adult's consent or the consent of the person authorized to give consent on the adult's behalf;

(2) Beyond the scope of the express or implied consent of the adult or the person authorized to give consent on the adult's behalf;

(3) By deception;

(4) By threat;

(5) By intimidation.

(K) "In need of protective services" means an adult known or suspected to be suffering from abuse, neglect, or exploitation to an extent that either life is endangered or physical harm, mental anguish, or mental illness results or is likely to result.

(L) "Incapacitated person" means a person who is impaired for any reason to the extent that the



person lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make and carry out reasonable decisions concerning the person's self or resources, with or without the assistance of a caretaker. Refusal to consent to the provision of services shall not be the sole determinative that the person is incapacitated.

(M) "Independent living arrangement" means a domicile of a person's own choosing, including, but not limited to, a private home, apartment, trailer, or rooming house. "Independent living arrangement" includes a residential facility licensed under section 5119.22 of the Revised Code that provides accommodations, supervision, and personal care services for three to sixteen unrelated adults, but does not include any other institution or facility licensed by the state or a facility in which a person resides as a result of voluntary, civil, or criminal commitment.

(N) "Mental illness" means a substantial disorder of thought, mood, perception, orientation, or memory that grossly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality, or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life.

(O) "Neglect" means any of the following:

(1) Failure of an adult to provide for self the goods or services necessary to avoid physical harm, mental anguish, or mental illness;

(2) Failure of a caretaker to provide such goods or services;

(3) Abandonment.

(P) "Outpatient health facility" means a facility where medical care and preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, or palliative items or services are provided to outpatients by or under the direction of a physician or dentist.

(Q) "Peace officer" means a peace officer as defined in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code.

(R) "Physical harm" means bodily pain, injury, impairment, or disease suffered by an adult.



(S) "Protective services" means services provided by the county department of job and family services or its designated agency to an adult who has been determined by evaluation to require such services for the prevention, correction, or discontinuance of an act of as well as conditions resulting from abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Protective services may include, but are not limited to, case work services, medical care, mental health services, legal services, fiscal management, home health care, homemaker services, housing-related services, guardianship services, and placement services as well as the provision of such commodities as food, clothing, and shelter.

(T) "Reasonable decisions" means decisions made in daily living that facilitate the provision of food, shelter, clothing, and health care necessary for life support.

(U) "Senior service provider" means a person who provides care or specialized services to an adult.

(V) "Working day" means Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, except when such day is a holiday as defined in section 1.14 of the Revised Code.