



Dane County Department of Human Services Division of Adult Community Services

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ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES
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AREAS OF FOCUS WITHIN APS:

1. **Adult Guardianship Program (AGP)** Supervised by Shari Gray-Dorn, telephone number **608-242-6373**
This section covers Guardianship, Protective Placements, and WATTS reviews. The social workers who conduct the WATTS reviews are Steve Ruff and Jane Lanpher.
2. **Elder Abuse & Neglect and Adults at Risk (EAN/AAR)** Supervised by LeeAnn Grimm telephone number **608-261-9892**
This section covers EAN/AAR Investigations, EAN/AAR Intake, and Victim Advocacy for both seniors and people with Intellectual Disabilities who have been victims of crime.
3. **Triage** Supervised by Beth Freeman telephone number **608-242-6448**
This section provides: discharge planning for persons with Dementia or Intellectual Disabilities who are admitted to a mental health institute; assists in completing WATTS reviews; completes EAN/AAR investigations; and may provide short term case management for EAN/AAR cases that are not assigned to investigation yet are in need of some follow up to prevent or minimize risk. The social worker who works Triage is Rebekha Lehman.
4. **Dementia Crisis Program** supervised by Beth Freeman **608-242-6448**
Focus on person centered and systems level work to create dementia capable crisis response options for persons with dementia who experience behavioral crisis.

Adult Guardianship Social Workers:

(Lisa Rader, Christin Bohleber, Michelle Allaby, Lacie Ball, Sarah Karls)

Assess petitions from Probate Court and referrals from the community on individuals who are alleged to be incompetent and in need of protective services. They prepare petitions and court reports, provide court testimony, and monitor appropriateness of court orders and placements. For questions about guardianship call **608-261-9933** and ask to speak to an **Adult Guardianship Social Worker**.

EAN/AAR Intake Specialist Social Worker:

(Linda Danielson, Maggie Thomas)

Responsible for answering the APS Helpline (**608-261-9933**) and determining if the call should be treated as a consult by giving information and resources to assist the caller mitigate the concern; or if the call should be written up as an intake report for possible investigation.

Elder Abuse & Neglect and Adults at Risk Social Worker Investigators:

(Ann Dorschel, Cathy Becker, two open positions as of 7/2021)

Investigate reports of individuals who are alleged to have experienced physical, sexual, or emotional abuse; financial exploitation; unreasonable confinement; or self-neglectful; and offer supported services. WI Statutes Ch.46.9 and Ch. 55

- An Adult at Risk is an individual who is between the ages of 18-59 who has a disability and is at risk for or being abused, and
- An Elder at Risk is an individual who is 60+.

Services offered by EAN/AAR investigators are voluntary and can be refused by an individual.

To report elder abuse or adults at risk concerns call the APS Helpline at **608-261-9933**.

Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Specialist

(Cortney Doescher-Hino as of 7/12/21)

Investigates reports of abuse and/or neglect when the identified victim is believed to have an Intellectual or Developmental Disability (I/DD).

- Collaborates with professionals on Safe Harbor interviews and Forensic Nurse Examiner evaluations when the victim is believed to have an Intellectual Disability.
- Works with the District Attorney's office to determine if charges will be filed and,
- Keeps victims informed of court activity and outcomes.
- Works closely with law enforcement agencies and provides education to community members about this population.
- Individuals are able to refuse services.

To report I/DD related abuse concerns please call our APS Helpline **608-261-9933**.

Victim Advocate Program:

(Amy Scarr, Cortney Doescher-Hino)

Victim of crime advocacy program that services both seniors and people with intellectual/developmental disabilities. **Amy Scarr** is the Social Worker Advocate who works with seniors (age 60+) who have become a victim of crime; and **Cortney Doescher-Hino** is the Social Worker Advocate who works with people who have an intellectual/developmental disability (no age limit) who have become a victim of crime.

They Offer voluntary supportive services, which could include:

- Assisting with the victim impact statements,
- Explanation of rights, and
- Keeping the victim informed of court activity and outcomes.

Individuals are able to refuse services.

Please contact Amy Scarr, **608-261-7326** or Cortney Doescher-Hino, 608-261-9888, if you are aware of a crime victim who may need support.

Triage Social Worker:

(Rebekha Lehman)

Assists with completion of annual WATTs reviews, assists in facilitating d/c plans for persons with dementia being re-located from an IMD and completes EAN/AAR investigations as needed.

Dementia Program Specialist:

(Joy Schmidt)

Working to develop person centered crisis response models and options for persons with dementia who experience behavioral crisis with an emphasis on stabilization in place whenever possible.

Other APS Related Activities/Efforts:

- Coordinate Elder Abuse Community Coordinated Response (EACCR) meetings, a subcommittee of the Commission on Sensitive Crimes (COSC)
- Coordinate Intellectual Disability Community Coordinated Response (ID/CCR) meetings, a subcommittee of the COSC
- Coordinated events related to World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEADD)
- Development and Coordination of annual Domestic Violence in Later Life (DVLL) conference
- Coordinate Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST)
- Coordinate Hoarding Task Force
- Trainings for Guardians of Person and Estate
- Outreach efforts related to the importance of creating decision planning documents such as a Health Care Power of Attorney for Health Care or Durable Power of Attorney for Finance
- Work closely with Managed Care Organization and IRIS agencies to ensure effective communication and collaboration between the County and LTC programs
- Participate in both local and statewide efforts related to Adult Guardianship and EAN/AAR
- Crisis Stabilization efforts for persons with dementia or I/DD diagnosis