

Department of Human Services
Dependent Adult Abuse Statistical Report
For Division DHS
Through Periods 7/1/2009 -- 12/30/2009

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Dependent Adult Abuse Program

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Dependent Adult Abuse Statistical Report
The numbers reported in this report represent:

- Number of reports of suspected abuse the Department receives according to type of abuse defined in Iowa Code 235B
- Number of reports of abuse accepted or rejected for evaluation or assessment
- Whether the person who reported the abuse was required to report
- Of those who were required to report the abuse, how many of each profession made reports
- How many reports found the abuse occurred, did not occur or it occurred, but because the abuse was minor, isolated and not likely to reoccur was not placed on the central abuse registry
- The number of reports founded, unfounded or confirmed, not registered of each type of abuse
- How many dependent adults received which type of service after the report was completed
- The number of persons responsible for the abuse held responsible legally or received services after the report was completed

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Reports of Abuse Accepted and Rejected for Evaluation or Assessment					
Type of Abuse	Total Reported	Total Accepted	Total Rejected	% Accepted	% Rejected
Physical	244	124	115	50.82 %	47.13 %
Sexual	57	13	43	22.81 %	75.44 %
Exploitation	531	277	246	52.17 %	46.33 %
Denial of Care - Caretaker	1058	577	466	54.54 %	44.05 %
Denial of Care - Adult	664	353	299	53.16 %	45.03 %
Total Allegations	2554	1344	1169	52.62 %	45.77 %

Column Name Definition

Type of Abuse Iowa Code 235B defines what abuse is. The types of abuse recognized in the Code are: Physical, sexual, exploitation, denial of critical care when there is a caretaker and denial of critical of care when the dependent adult is responsible.

Total Reported The total reports made to the Department.

Total Accepted The number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect accepted for a social worker to evaluate or assess circumstances surrounding the allegation of abuse to determine if the dependent adult was in fact abused or neglected.

Total Rejected The number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect rejected due to the allegation not fitting the definitions of abuse found in Iowa Code 235B, or there was not a caretaker or the adult was not dependent.

% Accepted The percentage of the total number of reports accepted for evaluation or assessment for each category of abuse.

% Rejected The number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect rejected due to the allegation not meeting the definitions of abuse found in Iowa Code 235B, or there was not a caretaker or the adult was not dependent.

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Types of Reporters					
Type of Reporter	Total Reported	Total Accepted	Total Rejected	% Accepted	% Rejected
Mandatory	1503	879	598	58.48 %	39.79 %
Permissive	781	332	434	42.51 %	55.57 %
Mandatory Reporting Permissively	52	20	32	38.46 %	61.54 %
Total Reporters	2336	1231	1064	52.70 %	45.55 %

Column Name Definition

Types of Reporter Anyone may report suspected abuse or neglect, however, IA Code 235B mandates professionals who work with dependent adults to report suspected abuse. These reporters are called 'mandatory reporters'. All other reporters are called 'permissive reporters'. A 'Mandatory Reporter Reporting Permissively' is a person who is mandatory reporter due to their employment, but they are reporting suspected abuse that occurred outside of their employment.

Total Reported The total reports of suspected abuse made to the Department.

Total Accepted The number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect accepted for a social worker to go and evaluate or assess to determine if the dependent adult was in fact abused or neglected.

Total Rejected The number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect rejected due to the allegation not fitting the definitions of abuse found in Iowa Code 235B, or there was not a caretaker or the adult was not dependent.

% Accepted The percentage of the total number of reports accepted for evaluation or assessment for each category of abuse.

% Rejected The percentage of the total reports rejected due to there not being an allegation of abuse, the person responsible for abuse is not a caretaker, or the adult was not dependent.

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Types of Mandatory Reporters					
Type	Total Reported	Total Accepted	Total Rejected	% Accepted	% Rejected
Social Work	38	25	12	65.79 %	31.58 %
Financial Institute	1	1	0	100.00 %	0.00 %
Health Care	69	28	30	40.58 %	43.48 %
Law Enforcement	15	7	5	46.67 %	33.33 %
Mental Health	3	2	1	66.67 %	33.33 %
Totals Mandatory Reporters	126	63	48	50.00 %	38.10 %

Column Name Definition

Types of Mandatory Reporter The types of professionals who are required by Code to report suspected abuse fall into the following general categories: social work, financial institutions, health care, law enforcement and mental health.

Total Reported The total number of reports of suspected abuse received from each identified professionals.

Total Accepted Total number of reports of suspected abuse made by identified professionals that were accepted for evaluation or assessment.

Total Rejected Total number of reports of suspected abuse made by identified professionals that were rejected for evaluation or assessment due to not being a Code defined allegation of abuse, of the persons responsible for the abuse was not a caretaker, or the adult was not dependent.

% Accepted Percentage of number of reports of suspected abuse made by identified professionals accepted for evaluation or assessment.

% Rejected Percentage of number of reports of abuse made by identified professionals rejected for evaluation or assessment.

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Outcomes of Reports Accepted for Evaluation or Assessment						
Type of Abuse	Founded		Unfounded		Confirmed, Not Registered	
	Total	Percentage	Total	Percentage	Total	Percentage
Physical	10	7.8%	107	82.9%	12	9.3%
Sexual	2	15.4%	11	84.6%		0.0%
Exploitation	99	35.5%	180	64.5%		0.0%
Denial of Care - Caretaker	74	12.6%	475	81.1%	37	6.3%
Denial of Care - Adult	111	30.8%	249	69.2%		0.0%
Total	296		1022		49	

Column Name Definition

Outcomes of Reports Accepted for Evaluation or Assessment The types of professionals who are required by Code to report suspected abuse fall into the following general categories: social work, financial institutions, health care, law enforcement and mental health.

Founded Total The total number of reports of abuse evaluated or assessed that were found to have occurred in each category

Founded Percentage Percentage of the total number of reports evaluated or assessed for this category of abuse that were determined to have occurred.

Unfounded Total Total number of reports evaluated or assessed for this category of abuse that were determined to have not occurred.

Unfounded Percentage Percentage of total number of reports evaluated or assessed for this category of abuse that were determined to have not occurred.

Confirmed, Not Registered Total Total number of reports of abuse evaluated or assessed in this category of abuse that were determined to have occurred, but were not placed on the Registry.

Confirmed, Not Registered Percentage Percentage of total number of reports of abuse evaluated or assessed in this category of abuse founded, but were not registered in this category.

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Outcomes - Dependent Adult		
Outcomes DA Evaluation	Total Interventions	Total Assessments w/o Interventions
Gaurdian - Conservator	67	1214
Protective Order	25	1256
Removed from living arrangement	102	1179
Referred for services	144	1137
No services needed	468	813

Column Name Definition

Outcomes – Dependent Adult After the evaluation or assessment report is completed the outcomes for the adult tell how many times DHS intervened in the dependent adult's beyond just determining if the suspected abuse occurred.

The outcomes for the dependent adult provide the number of times:

- A guardian was appointed for the dependent adult;
- A local judge court-ordered the dependent adult to receive protective services or be removed from their current living arrangements;
- The dependent adult was referred to receive services; and
- The dependent adult was determined to not be in need of services.

Total Interventions Number of times the specific interventions for the dependent adult occurred

Total Assessment w/o Interventions Total number of times specified interventions did not occur.

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Outcomes - Person Responsible for Abuse		
Outcomes PRA Evaluation	Total Interventions	Total Assessments w/o Interventions
Referred to law enforcement	94	1187
Court order requested to prevent further abuse	23	1258
Charged with crime	48	1233
Sentenced	7	1274
Offender program	0	1281
Service provided	58	1223
No services provided	474	807

Column Name Definition

Outcomes – Person Responsible for Abuse After the evaluation or assessment report is completed the outcomes for the person responsible for the abuse tell how many times DHS intervened in the person responsible for abuse other than the person's name going on the registry if it was found the abuse occurred.

The outcomes for the person responsible for the abuse provide the number of times the person was

- Referred to law enforcement;
- Affected by something a local judge court-ordered to stop or prevent further abuse;
- Charged with a crime;
- Sentenced for a crime;
- Court-ordered to attend an offender program in exchange for not being charged with a crime;
- Provided with services; and
- Not provided services?

Total Interventions Number of times the specified intervention for the person responsible for abuse occurred.

Total Assessment w/o Interventions Total number of times the specified intervention for the person responsible for the abuse did not occur.