



Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation: Legal Resources & Remedies Booklet

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ILAST is a collaborative effort of government, non-profits, businesses, and the community to end abuse in later life.

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Community Resources and Referrals for Law Enforcement

Organization Type	Organization Name	Purpose	Website	Phone Number
Aging and Disability Resources	Alzheimer's Association, Iowa	Offers a service locator, placement resources, support groups, service resources, and education.	https://www.alz.org/ https://www.alz.org/iowa	1-800-272-3900 24/7
Aging and Disability Resources	DART Reduced Fare	Offers a variety of reduced-fare programs to improve access to public transit for all residents including those 65+, persons with disabilities, Medicare card holders, veterans with a Service Connected ID, students in middle and high school, and refugees.	http://www.ridedart.com/fares/reduced-fare-programs	515-283-8100
Aging and Disability Resources	Disability Rights Iowa	Pursues various administrative and legal remedies. The concerns must relate to the disability.	https://disabilityrightsiaowa.org/	515-278-2502 or 1-800-779-2502
Aging and Disability Resources	Eldercare Locator	A nationwide service that connects older Americans and their caregivers with information about senior services.	https://eldercare.acl.gov/	1-800-677-1116
Aging and Disability Resources	Iowa Compass Disability Services Database	Information and referral resource for various services and supports available to those with disabilities.	http://search.iowacompass.org/	1-800-779-2001
Aging and Disability Resources	Iowa Legal Aid	Free legal assistance for those eligible.	https://www.iowalegalaid.org/	1-800-532-1275 Monday Friday from 9 to 11 am or from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, except Thursday afternoon. Iowans 60 and over may call the Legal Hotline for Older Iowans at 1-800- 992-8161 Monday- Friday from 9 am to 4:30 .
Aging and Disability Resources	Iowa Mobility Management	Identifies transportation options and service providers and offers education on how to use public transportation.	https://iowadot.gov/iowamobilitymanagement/Mobility-resources	515-239-1765 or jeremy.johnson- miller@dot.iowa.gov
Aging and Disability Resources	LifeLong Links (Area Agencies on Aging)	Administers programs for older persons at the local level throughout the state including transportation, outreach, and information and referral; congregate meals, legal services, case management, and continuing education; home health, homemaker, home-delivered meals and chore maintenance; and services to residents of care-providing facilities.	http://www.lifelonglinks.org/	1-866-468-7887
Aging and Disability Resources	Meals on Wheels	Food delivery and other independent living resources.	https://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/	1-888-998-6325
Aging and Disability Resources	Suicide Prevention Hotline 24/7	A 24-hour, toll-free, confidential suicide prevention hotline available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress.	https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/	1-800-273-TALK (8255)
Aging and Disability Resources	United Way	Assists in accessing assistance programs for things like housing, transportation, food, childcare, healthcare and more.	http://www.unitedway.org/ https://www.unitedwaydm.org/	515-244-1010 or 211
Government Entities	Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA)	Inspects, licenses and certifies health care providers and receives and investigates complaints regarding abuse by staff in facilities.	https://dia.iowa.gov/ ; hfd_complaint@dia.iowa.gov	1-877-686-0027
Government Entities	Iowa Attorney General's Office, Crime Victim Assistance Division	The program pays for crime-related expenses such as medical care, counseling, lost wages, and funeral expenses (when costs are not covered by insurance or other sources).	https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/for-crime-victims	515-281-5044 or 800-373-5044

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Organization Type	Organization Name	Purpose	Website	Phone Number
Government Entities	Iowa Department of Human Services	Provides evaluations and assessments of alleged abused dependent adults. The program endeavors to provide services and makes referrals to assist abused dependent adults.	https://dhs.iowa.gov/DependentAdultProtectiveServices/Families	1-800-362-2178
Government Entities	Iowa Department of Public Safety, Division of Intelligence	The Division of Intelligence provides support to all enforcement Divisions of the Iowa Department of Public Safety as well as to all other local, state, and federal law enforcement and homeland security partners in Iowa. It serves as the Central Coordinating Agency for the LEIN program and for the State of Iowa Intelligence Fusion Center. It also serves as a point of contact in Iowa for law enforcement agencies from other states.	http://www.dps.state.ia.us/intell/index.shtml	515-725-6310
Government Entities	Iowa Department on Aging	Advocates for changes in public policy, practices and programs that empower older Iowans; facilitate their access to services; protect their rights; and prevent abuse, neglect and exploitation.	https://www.iowaaging.gov/	1-800-532-3213
Government Entities	Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU)	Receives and investigates complaint of misuse or diversion of state benefits.	https://dia.iowa.gov/investigations/medicaid-fraud-control-unit	1-800-831-1394 or 515-281-5714
Government Entities	Medicare Fraud	Receives and investigates complaint of misuse or diversion of state benefits.	HHSTips@oig.gov	1-800-447-8477
Government Entities	Mental Health Centers	Portal to find mental health services to help people who are not coping well with everyday problems as well as to relieve more serious problems. Services include medication management, counseling and other support.	https://www.disability.gov/resource/iowa-compass-center-for-disabilities-development/	1-800-779-2001
Government Entities	Office of Long-term Care Ombudsman	Advocates for residents of nursing facilities and residential care facilities, as well as for tenants of assisted living programs and elder group homes.	https://www.iowaaging.gov/state-long-term-care-ombudsman	515-725-3333 or 1-866-236-1430
Government Entities	PATH: Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness	Iowa PATH workers reach out to adults who are homeless and live with mental illness, substance abuse and trauma, offering them connections to hope, healing, resilience, housing, treatment and recovery in Iowa's mental health system of care.	https://dhs.iowa.gov/mhds/mental-health/housing-iowa	515-281-3128
Government Entities	Social Security Administration Office on Rep Payees	Approves and assigns alternate payee for someone with disabilities.	https://www.ssa.gov/payee/	1-800-772-1213
Government Entities	SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR)	Provides access to SSI/SSDI for eligible individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and have a mental illness and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder.	https://dhs.iowa.gov/mhds-providers/tools-trainings-and-resources/soar https://soarworks.prainc.com/	1-877-SAMHSA-7
Government Entities	State Office of Public Guardian (formerly Office of Substitute Decision Maker)	Provides substitute decision-making services as a last resort and is a source of information regarding substitute decision making.	https://www.iowaaging.gov/programs-services/elder-justice-adult-protective-services/office-public-guardian	1-800-532-3213

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Organization Type	Organization Name	Purpose	Website	Phone Number
Government Entities	U.S. Department of Indian Affairs	Offers an extensive scope of programs to improve tribal government infrastructure, community infrastructure, education, job training, and employment opportunities along with other components of long term sustainable development.	https://www.bia.gov/FAQs	202-208-5116
Iowa Domestic Violence Hotline	Iowa Domestic Violence Hotline	Provides lifesaving tools and immediate support to enable victims to find safety and live lives free of abuse.	https://www.icadv.org/	1-800-770-1650, 24/7 text IOWAHELP to 20121
Veterans' Services and Supports	Department of Veterans Affairs	Provides services and resources to veterans.	https://www.va.gov/	1-800-827-1000
Veterans' Services and Supports	Department of Veterans Affairs - National Caregiver Crisis Support	Connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders.	https://www.caregiver.va.gov/support/support_services.asp	1-855-260-3274
Veterans' Services and Supports	Reporting Veterans Benefits Exploitation	Receives complaints about misuse of Veterans benefits and provides information about services available to veterans		1-800-827-1000

Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Statutes

* * CRIMES SPECIFIC TO VULNERABLE ADULTS * *

DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE – CHAPTER 235B

Dependent Adult

A person eighteen years of age or older who is unable to protect the person's own interests or unable to adequately perform or obtain services necessary to meet essential human needs, as a result of a physical or mental condition which requires assistance from another, or as determined by departmental rule.

Caretaker

A related or nonrelated person who has the responsibility for the protection, care, or custody of a dependent adult as a result of assuming the responsibility voluntarily, by contract, through employment, or by order of the court.

Criminal Abuse of a Dependent Adult

Any of the following as a result of the willful or negligent acts or omissions of a caretaker:

- Physical injury to, or injury which is at a variance with the history given of the injury, or unreasonable confinement, unreasonable punishment, or assault of a dependent adult
- The commission of a sexual offense under chapter 709 or section 726.8 with or against a dependent adult
- Exploitation of a dependent adult which means the act or process of taking unfair advantage of a dependent adult or the adult's physical or financial resources without the informed consent of the dependent adult, including theft, by the use of undue influence, harassment, duress, deception, false representation, or false pretenses
- The deprivation of the minimum food, shelter, clothing, supervision, physical or mental health care, or other care necessary to maintain a dependent adult's life or health
- The deprivation of the minimum food, shelter, clothing, supervision, physical or mental health care, and other care necessary to maintain a dependent adult's life or health as a result of the acts or omissions of the dependent adult
- Sexual exploitation of a dependent adult by a caretaker. "Sexual exploitation" means any consensual or nonconsensual sexual conduct with a dependent adult which includes but is not limited to kissing; touching of the clothed or unclothed inner thigh, breast, groin, buttock, anus, pubes, or genitals; or a sex act, as defined in section 702.17 and includes the transmission, display, taking of electronic images of the unclothed breast, groin, buttock, anus, pubes, or genitals of a dependent adult by a caretaker for a purpose not related to treatment or diagnosis or as part of an ongoing assessment, evaluation, or investigation. "Sexual exploitation" does not include touching which is part of a necessary examination, treatment, or care by a caretaker acting within the scope of the practice or employment of the caretaker; the exchange of a brief touch or hug between the dependent adult and a caretaker for the purpose of reassurance, comfort, or casual friendship; or touching between spouses.
- Personal degradation of a dependent adult. "*Personal degradation*" means a willful act or statement by a caretaker intended to shame, degrade, humiliate, or otherwise harm the personal dignity of a dependent adult, or where the caretaker knew or reasonably should have known the act or statement would cause shame, degradation, humiliation, or harm to the personal dignity of a reasonable person and includes the taking, transmission, or display of an electronic image of a

dependent adult by a caretaker, where the caretaker's actions constitute a willful act or statement intended to shame, degrade, humiliate, or otherwise harm the personal dignity of the dependent adult, or where the caretaker knew or reasonably should have known the act would cause shame, degradation, humiliation, or harm to the personal dignity of a reasonable person. "Personal degradation" does not include the taking, transmission, or display of an electronic image of a dependent adult for the purpose of reporting dependent adult abuse to law enforcement, the department, or any other regulatory agency that oversees caretakers or enforces abuse or neglect provisions, or for the purpose of treatment or diagnosis or as part of an ongoing investigation; the taking, transmission, or display of an electronic image by a caretaker who takes, transmits, or displays the electronic image in accordance with the confidentiality policy and release of information or consent policies of a contractor, employer, or facility or program not covered under section 235E.1(5)(a)(3); or a statement by a caretaker who is the spouse of a dependent adult that is not intended to shame, degrade, humiliate, or otherwise harm the personal dignity of the dependent adult spouse.

Initiation of Charges

Charges of dependent adult abuse may be initiated upon complaint of private individuals or as a result of investigations by social service agencies or on the direct initiative of a county attorney or law enforcement agency.

Mandatory Reporters

- A member of the staff of a community mental health center
- A peace officer
- An in-home homemaker-home health aide
- An individual employed as an outreach person
- A health practitioner, as defined in section 232.6
- A member of the staff or an employee of a supported community living service, sheltered workshop, or work activity center
- A social worker
- A certified psychologist
- A person who, in the course of employment, examines, attends, counsels, or treats a dependent adult and reasonably believes the dependent adult suffered abuse

DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE IN FACILITIES & PROGRAMS – CHAPTER 235E

Dependent Adult

A person eighteen years of age or older whose ability to perform the normal activities of daily living or to provide for the person's own care or protection is impaired, either temporarily or permanently.

Caretaker

A person who is a staff member of a facility or program who provides care, protection, or services to a dependent adult voluntarily, by contract, through employment, or by order of the court.

Facility

A health care facility as defined in section 135C.1 or a hospital as defined in section 135B.1.

Program

An elder group home as defined in section 231B.1, an assisted living program certified under section 231C.3, or an adult day services program as defined in section 231D.1.

Recklessly

- A person acts or fails to act with respect to a material element of a public offense, when the person is aware of and consciously disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the material element exists or will result from the act or omission
- The risk must be of such a nature and degree that disregard of the risk constitutes a gross deviation from the standard conduct that a reasonable person would observe in the situation.

Criminal Abuse of a Dependent Adult

Any of the following as a result of the willful misconduct or gross negligence or reckless acts or omissions of a caretaker, taking into account the totality of the circumstances:

- A physical injury to, or injury which is at a variance with the history given of the injury, or unreasonable confinement, unreasonable punishment, or assault of a dependent adult which involves a breach of skill, care, and learning ordinarily exercised by a caretaker in similar circumstances. “Assault of a dependent adult” means the commission of any act which is generally intended to cause pain or injury to a dependent adult, or which is generally intended to result in physical contact which would be considered by a reasonable person to be insulting or offensive or any act which is intended to place another in fear of immediate physical contact which will be painful, injurious, insulting, or offensive, coupled with the apparent ability to execute the act
- The commission of a sexual offense under chapter 709 or section 726.8 and 726.10 with or against a dependent adult
- Exploitation of a dependent adult. “Exploitation” means a caretaker who knowingly obtains, uses, endeavors to obtain to use, or who misappropriates, a dependent adult’s funds, assets, medications, or property with the intent to temporarily or permanently deprive a dependent adult of the use, benefit, or possession of the funds, assets, medication, or property for the benefit of someone other than the dependent adult
 - Neglect of a dependent adult. “Neglect of a dependent adult” means the deprivation of the minimum food, shelter, clothing, supervision, physical or mental health care, or other care necessary to maintain a dependent adult’s life or physical or mental health
- Sexual exploitation of a dependent adult by a caretaker whether within a facility or program or at a location outside of a facility or program. “Sexual exploitation” means any consensual or nonconsensual sexual conduct with a dependent adult which includes but is not limited to kissing; touching of the clothed or unclothed breast, groin, buttock, anus, pubes, or genitals; or a sex act, as defined in section 702.17. “Sexual exploitation” includes the transmission, display, taking of electronic images of the unclothed breast, groin, buttock, anus, pubes, or genitals of a dependent adult by a caretaker for a purpose not related to treatment or diagnosis or as part of an ongoing investigation. “Sexual exploitation” **does not** include touching which is part of a necessary examination, treatment, or care by a caretaker acting within the scope of the practice or employment of the caretaker; the exchange of a brief touch or hug between the dependent adult and a caretaker for the purpose of reassurance, comfort, or casual friendship; or touching between spouses or domestic partners in an intimate relationship.
- Personal degradation of a dependent adult. “*Personal degradation*” means a willful act or statement by a caretaker, where the caretaker’s actions constitute a willful actor statement intended to shame, degrade, humiliate, or otherwise harm the personal indignity of the dependent adult, or where the caretaker knew or reasonably should have known the act would cause shame, degradation, humiliation, or harm to the personal dignity of a reasonable person. “*Personal degradation*” **does not** include the taking, transmission, or display of an electronic image of a dependent adult for the purpose of reporting dependent adult abuse to law enforcement, the department, or other regulatory agency that oversees caretakers or enforces abuse or neglect

provisions, or for the purpose of treatment of diagnosis or as part of an ongoing investigation. “*Personal degradation*” also does not include the taking, transmission, or display of an electronic image by a caretaker in accordance with the facility’s or program’s confidentiality policy and release of information or consent policies.

Initiation of Charges

Charges of dependent adult abuse may be initiated upon complaint of private individuals or as a result of investigations by social service agencies or on the direct initiative of a county attorney or law enforcement agency.

Mandatory Reporters

A staff member or employee of a facility or program who, in the course of employment, examines, attends, counsels, or treats a dependent adult in a facility or program and reasonably believes the dependent adult has suffered dependent adult abuse.

DOMESTIC ABUSE-CHAPTER 236

PROTECTION OF THE FAMILY AND DEPENDENT PERSONS – CHAPTER 726

Incest

A person, except a child as defined in section 702.5, who performs a sex act with another whom the person knows to be related to the person, either legitimately or illegitimately, as an ancestor, descendant, brother or sister of the whole or half blood, aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew, commits incest.

Neglect Or Abandonment Of A Dependent Person

A person who is the father, mother, or some other person having custody of a child, or of any other person who by reason of mental or physical disability is not able to care for the person’s self, who knowingly or recklessly exposes such person to a hazard or danger against which such person cannot reasonably be expected to protect such person’s self or who deserts or abandons such person, knowing or having reason to believe that the person will be exposed to such hazard or danger, commits a class “C” felony.

Husband Or Wife May Be Witness

In all prosecutions under section 726.3, 726.5 or 726.6, the husband or wife is a competent witness for the state and may testify to relevant acts or communications between them.

Wanton Neglect Of A Resident Of A Health Care Facility

A person commits wanton neglect of a resident of a health care facility when the person knowingly acts in a manner likely to be injurious to the physical or mental welfare of a resident of a health care facility as defined in section 135C.1.

Wanton Neglect Or Nonsupport Of A Dependent Adult

- “Dependent adult” means a dependent adult as defined in section 235B.2(4), and “caretaker” means a caretaker as defined in section 235B.2(1).
- A caretaker commits wanton neglect of a dependent adult if the caretaker knowingly acts in a manner likely to be injurious to the physical, mental, or emotional welfare of a dependent adult.
- A person who has legal responsibility either through contract or court order for support of a dependent adult and who fails or refuses to provide support commits nonsupport.

VIOLATION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS – CHAPTER 729A

Violation Of Individual Rights/Hate Crime

“*Hate crime*” means one of the following public offenses when committed against a person or a person’s property because of the person’s race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, political affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability, or the person’s association with a person of a certain race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, political affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability:

- Assault in violation of individual rights under section 708.2C
- Violations of individual rights under section 712.9
- Criminal mischief in violation of individual rights under section 716.6A
- Trespass in violation of individual rights under section 716.8(3) and (4)

Assault In Violation Of Individual Rights – Section 708.2C

“Assault in violation of individual rights” means an assault, as defined in section 708.1, which is a hate crime as defined in section 729A.2.

*** * OTHER CRIMES * ***

OBTAINING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS BY FRAUD – CHAPTER 155A

Prohibited Acts

A person shall not perform or cause the performance of or aid and abet any of the following acts:

- Obtaining or attempting to obtain a prescription drug or device or procuring or attempting to procure the administration of a prescription drug or device by:
 - Engaging in fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge
 - Forging or altering a written, electronic, or facsimile prescription or any written, electronic, or facsimile order
 - Concealing a material fact
 - Using a false name or giving a false address
- Willfully making a false statement in any prescription, report, or record required by this chapter
- Making or uttering any false or forged oral, written, electronic, or facsimile prescription or oral, written, electronic, or facsimile order

CONSPIRACY – CHAPTER 706

ONGOING CRIMINAL CONDUCT – CHAPTER 706A

MONEY LAUNDERING – CHAPTER 706B

MURDER – CHAPTER 707

ASSAULT – CHAPTER 708

Assault

Domestic Abuse Assault

Assault In Violation Of Individual Rights — Penalties

Assault While Participating In A Felony

Willful Injury

Intimidation With A Dangerous Weapon.

Harassment

Going Armed With Intent

Stalking

SEX ABUSE – CHAPTER 709

Indecent Exposure

Assault With Intent To Commit Sexual Abuse

Invasion of Privacy — Nudity

KIDNAPPING– CHAPTER 710

ROBBERY-CHAPTER 711

BURGLARY-CHAPTER 713

THEFT, FRAUD, AND RELATED OFFENSES – CHAPTER 714

Theft

Operating Vehicle Without Owner’s Consent

FORGERY AND RELATED FRAUDULENT CRIMINAL ACTS – CHAPTER 715A

Forgery

Fraudulent Destruction, Removal, or Concealment of Recordable Instruments

Tampering With Records

Misuse of Credit Cards

Identity Theft

DAMAGE AND TRESPASS TO PROPERTY-CHAPTER 716

Criminal Mischief

WEAPONS – CHAPTER 724

Unauthorized Possession Of Offensive Weapons

Carrying Weapons

Duty To Carry Permit To Carry Weapons

Possession, Receipt, Transportation, or Dominion and Control of Firearms and Offensive Weapons by Felons

Reckless Use of a Firearm

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE – CHAPTER 727

Electronic And Mechanical Eavesdropping

CRIMINAL NO-CONTACT ORDERS

Applicability

Available for violations or alleged violations of Iowa Code sections 708.2A (Domestic Abuse Assault), 708.7 (Harassment), 708.11 (Stalking), 709.2-.4 (Sex Abuse), and any other public offense for which there is a victim.

Proceedings

Issued in cases in which a person has been arrested and charged with a crime.

Request for an Order

A request may be made by the county attorney's office at the time of the defendant's appearance before the judge.

Forms

Not applicable as the request may be made only by the county attorney's office.

CIVIL PROTECTIVE ORDERS

Availability

Available under Iowa Code chapters 235F (Elder Abuse), 236 (Domestic Abuse), or 236A (Sexual Abuse)

Proceedings

Issued in civil cases; arrest of the perpetrator and the filing of charges is not required.

Request for an Order

A request for a protective order under chapter 235F may be made by the victim, family or household member, guardian, conservator, attorney in fact, or guardian ad litem for a vulnerable elder, or other interested person who files a petition under chapter 235F.

A request for a protective order under chapters 236 or 236A may be made only by the victim or a parent or guardian of an unemancipated minor.

Forms

A Petition for Relief from Elder Abuse is available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website at: <https://www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/court-forms/>

A Petition for Relief from Domestic Abuse or Sexual Abuse and related information is available on the Iowa Judicial Branch Website at: <https://www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/court-forms/>

Agent

A person granted authority to act for a principal under a power of attorney, whether denominated an agent, attorney in fact, or otherwise. The term includes an original agent, coagent, successor agent, and a person to which an agent’s authority is delegated. Iowa Code § 633B.102(1). Prior to revision of the Iowa Code, was referred to as an “attorney in fact.”

Conservator

A person appointed by the court to have the custody and control of the property of a ward under the provisions of the Iowa Probate Code. § 633.3(7).

Dependent Adult

A statutorily-defined term used in Iowa Code chapters 235B and 235E to identify persons who may be the subject of reports of self-neglect or abuse by a “caretaker” to the Department of Human Services (DHS) or abuse by staff of a “facility or program” to the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA).

Fiduciary

One who owes to another the duties of good faith, trust, confidence, and candor. *Black’s Law Dictionary*.

Fiduciary Relationship

A relationship requiring the highest duty of care and arising between parties usually in one of four situations: (1) when one person places trust in the faithful integrity of another, who as a result gains superiority or influence over the first, (2) when one person assumes control and responsibility over another, (3) when one person has a duty to act for or give advice to another on matters falling within the scope of the relationship, or (4) when there is a specific relationship that has traditionally been recognized as involving fiduciary duties, as with a lawyer and a client of a stockbroker and a customer. *Black’s Law Dictionary*.

Guardian

The person appointed by the court to have the custody of the person of the ward under the provisions of the Iowa Probate Code. § 633.3(20).

Guardian Ad Litem

A person appointed by the court to protect the best interests and rights of a person within a legal proceeding. Is not the same as an attorney for an individual.

Power of Attorney

A writing that grants authority to an agent to act in the place of the principal, whether or not the term “power of attorney” is used. § 633B.102(9).

Principal

An individual who grants authority to an agent in a power of attorney document. § 633.102(11).

Vulnerable Elder

A person sixty years of age or older who is unable to protect himself or herself from elder abuse as a result of age or a mental or physical condition or because of a personal circumstance which results in an increased risk of harm to the person. Iowa Code § 235F.1(17).

ACRONYMS USED IN THE FIELD OF AGING IN IOWA

ACRONYM	MEANING
AAA	Area Agency on Aging (often spoken “triple A”)
ADL/IADL	Activities of Daily Living/Instrumental Activities of Daily Living
ALP	Assisted Living Program
APS	Adult Protective Services
APW	Adult Protective Worker
BEP	Batterer’s Education Program
CAA	Community Action Agencies
CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocates
CCRC	Continuing Care Retirement Community
CDAC	Consumer Directed Attendant Care
CMA	Certified Medical Assistant
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center
CMI	Chronic Mental Illness
CMPFE	Case Management Program for the Frail Elderly
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CNA	Certified Nursing Assistant
CP	Client Participation
CPC	Central Point of Coordination
DAA	Dependent Adult Abuse
DAIS	Domestic Abuse Intervention Services
DAPAC	Dependent Adult Protection Advisory Council
DART	Domestic Assault Response Team
DD	Developmentally Disabled
DDMI	Developmentally Disabled Mental Illness
DHS	Department of Human Services
DI	Deinstitutionalization
DIA	Department of Inspections and Appeals
DSM IV	Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders – 4 th Edition
EAPA	Elder Abuse Prevention and Awareness Program (IDA)

ACRONYM	MEANING
EGH	Elder Group Home
ERP	Emergency Response Plan
FASE	Functional Abilities Screening Evaluation
FGP	Foster Grandparent Program
GNP	Geriatric Nurse Practitioner
HCBS	Home and Community Based Services
HDM	Home-Delivered Meals
HHA	Homemaker Health Aide
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
IADL	Instrumental Activities of Daily Living
IADSA	Iowa Adult Day Services Association
IAHSA	Iowa Association of Homes & Services for the Aging
ICADV	Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
ICHCBSS	Iowa Coalition for Home and Community Based Services
IDA	Iowa Department on Aging
IDPH	Iowa Department of Public Health
LBSW	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker
LEAA	Law Enforcement Assistance Agency
LISW	Licensed Independent Social Worker
LOC	Level of Care
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LTC	Long Term Care
LTCU	Long Term Care Coordinated Unit
LTSS	Long-Term Services and Supports
MH/DD	Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities
MI	Mental Illness
MR	Mental Retardation
MSW	Master of Social Work
NPE	Nutrition Programs for the Elderly
OAA	Older Americans Act

ACRONYM	MEANING
OAVP	Older American Volunteer Program
OIL	Older Iowans Legislature
OWS	Older Worker Specialist
RCF	Residential Care Facility
RSVP	Retired Senior Volunteer Program
SART	Sexual Abuse Response Team
SHIIP	Senior Health Insurance Information Program
SIP	Senior Internship Program
SLCU	Senior Living Coordinating Unit
SLP	Senior Living Program
SLT	Senior Living Trust
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSA	State Supplementary Assistance
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
VA	Veteran's Administration
VOC REHAB	Vocational Rehabilitation