

ABUSER REGISTRY ANNUAL NOTICE

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (“department”) maintains an Abuser Registry (“registry”), which is a list of employees who the department has determined have committed one of the registry offenses listed below. The developmental disabilities (DD) employees that may be placed on the registry include: department employees, county board of developmental disabilities employees, independent providers under Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) section 5123.16, an employee providing specialized services to an individual with a developmental disability, including an entity licensed or certified by the department.

If your name is placed on the registry you are barred from employment as a DD employee in the state of Ohio.

Since other state agencies require employers to check the registry, placement may also prohibit:

- (1) being employed by a Medicaid agency, being an owner (five percent or more) of an agency or having a Medicaid Provider Agreement as a non-agency provider;
- (2) being in a position to provide Ombudsman services or direct care services to anyone enrolled in a program administered by the Ohio Department of Aging; and
- (3) being employed by a home health agency, a nursing home, or residential care facility in a direct care position.

Registry Offenses:

- **Physical Abuse** - the use of any physical force that could reasonably be expected to result in physical harm.
- **Sexual Abuse** - unlawful sexual conduct (unprivileged intercourse or other sexual penetration) and unlawful sexual contact (unprivileged touching of another’s erogenous zone).
- **Verbal Abuse** - purposely using words to threaten, coerce, intimidate, harass, or humiliate an individual.
- **Prohibited Sexual Relations**- Consensual touching of an erogenous zone for sexual gratification and the individual is in the employee’s care and the individual is not the employee’s spouse.
- **Neglect** - when there is a duty to do so, failing to provide an individual with any treatment, care, goods, or services necessary to maintain the health or safety of the individual.
- **Misappropriation (Theft)** - obtaining the property of an individual or individuals, without consent, with a combined value of at least \$100. Theft of the individual’s prescribed medication, check, credit card, ATM card and the like of any monetary value are also registry offenses.

- **Failure to Report Abuse, Neglect or Misappropriation** - the employee unreasonably does not report abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of the property of a person with developmental disabilities, or the substantial risk to such an individual of abuse, neglect, or misappropriation, when the employee should know that their non-reporting will result in a substantial risk of harm to such individual.
- **Conviction or plea of guilty to -**
 - Offense of Violence** - R. C. 2901.01, including convictions for the offense of Assault, Menacing, Domestic Violence or Attempting to commit any offense of violence;
 - Sexual Offenses** - R. C. Chapter 2907;
 - Theft Offenses** - R. C. Chapter 2913;
 - Failing to provide for a functionally impaired person** – R.C. 2903.16;
 - Patient Abuse or Neglect** - R.C. 2903.34;
 - Patient Endangerment** – R.C. 2903.341; and/or
 - Endangering Children** – R.C. 2919.22.

More information is available on the department’s website under the Health and Welfare tab.
 The registry website is at: https://its.prodapps.dodd.ohio.gov/ABR_Default.aspx.

Please call the department at 614-995-3810 with any questions regarding the registry.

ORC 5123.542 requires the Department, each county DD board, each entity providing specialized services under contract with an DD board, and each owner, operator or administrator of a residential facility as defined in ORC 5123.19 or of a program certified by the Department to provide supported living services, to annually provide written notice to each of its DD employees explaining the conduct for which an DD employee may be placed on the Abuser Registry. Additional information about the Abuser Registry is on the Department’s website at <http://dodd.state.oh.us/CountyBoardsDoc/BoardsInfo.htm> or may be obtained by calling (614) 995-3810.

Per the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 5123.542, I acknowledge receipt of the “Annual Written Notice” which explains the conduct that may result in placement on the Abuser Registry. I understand it is my responsibility to familiarize myself with the information, as I am held accountable to the above requirements.

Name _____ Signature _____

Date _____