

# **Adult Protective Services**

## ***About Adult Protective Services***

Adult Protection Branch ensures the safety and stability of Kentucky's vulnerable adults. The Adult Protection Branch is responsible for ensuring the protection from abuse, neglect or exploitation for adults with a mental or physical disability and victims of domestic violence across the commonwealth. Services provided to adults are on a voluntary basis unless there has been a determination by the court that the adult is unable to make an informed choice.

The branch's main purpose is to support the service regions that provide adult protective and general adult services through case consultation, development of standards of practice and development of data systems. The branch is committed to keeping vulnerable adults safe in the least restrictive living arrangement.

## ***Help With Adult Abuse***

Reporting Abuse - Protective Services - Guardianship - Counseling  
Adult Protective Services is responsible for investigating and providing preventive services to individuals that are reported to be the alleged victim of abuse, neglect or exploitation according to KRS 209.020(7, 8 and 15).

The preventive services may include but are not limited to assisting the adult with a protective need in securing appropriate community or institutional placement, in-home supports, medical treatment, crisis assistance and guardianship.

## **Ombudsman**

If you have gone through normal channels and your problem is still not resolved, you may get help from the local Long Term Care Ombudsman.

## **Adult Protective Services Contacts:**

- **Adult Protection (APS) Branch  
(502) 564-7043**
- **In the Eastern Mountain Service Region the centralized intake number for reporting abuse is: 1-877-597-2331 – All calls/reports can be made anonymously**
- For more information on Elder Abuse go to the following link:  
<http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dpp/eea>
- **Local Long Term Care Ombudsman (606) 436-3158**