



Multnomah County Aging, Disability and Veterans Services Division

Adult Protective Services & Multi-Disciplinary Team When To Make a Referral?

Adult Protective Services (APS)

Adult Protective Services (APS) is responsible for protecting seniors and people with disabilities from abuse and neglect, which include **physical abuse, verbal/emotional abuse, financial exploitation, sexual abuse, abandonment, involuntary seclusion, wrongful use of a physical or chemical restraint, self-neglect and neglect.**

APS investigates all of these types of abuse and neglect. An investigation includes interviews with the reported victim, the reported perpetrator and relevant witnesses. The investigator will review documents related to the allegation and will write the findings in a report. Investigators also provide protective services to stabilize the situation by linking clients to healthcare, social services and community resources while providing education about abuse prevention.

**If you suspect that a vulnerable adult has
experienced abuse or neglect,
call:**

503-988-4450

Ask to speak to a Screener

Multi- Disciplinary Team

Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT) operate in five ADVSD branch offices throughout Multnomah County. The teams consists of a Clinical Services Specialist (Human Services Investigator - Lead), Mental Health Specialist and Community Health Nurse.

Medicaid Case Managers, District Center Case Managers, Enhancing Equity Case Managers and Human Services Investigators are able to refer complex cases to MDT to request help from one or all three disciplines, brainstorm solutions and/or to complete a general consultation with the team.

- **Clinical Services Specialist** - Coordinates and facilitates the weekly MDT meetings and provides expert advice related to abuse/neglect/self-neglect of a vulnerable adult
- **Mental Health Specialist** - Contracted through Lutheran Community Services. Able to complete cognitive and/or mental health assessments. Able to provide limited counseling and will seek to assist in getting client connected to ongoing support or mental health services.
- **Community Health Nurse** - Able to assess clients who have declining health or those who have not seen a provider in some time. Able to consult with medical providers and/or assist in getting client established with a medical provider.

Other Multnomah County programs are invited to attend MDT as needed including Public Guardian, Domestic & Sexual Violence, and the Older Adults Behavioral Health Initiative.

MDT Database:

<https://www3.multco.us/mdt/Account/LogOn>