

On-line Training for Mandatory Abuse Reporting & Criminal History Background Checks

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ATTENTION: Facilities* mandated by the Older Adults Protective Services Act (OAPSA)

The PA Department of Aging provides on-line, self-study Training for Mandatory Abuse Reporting and Criminal History Background Checks.

The overall aim of the Self Study Course is to give you the concepts, strategies, and techniques that will allow you to understand the basic tenets of the Act, and the roles and responsibilities of various individuals and regulatory systems in the provision of protective services in long term care facilities.

You can access the training by going to the PA Department of Aging website at www.aging.state.pa.us and clicking on “Professionals and Providers” “Protective Services and Ombudsman” and under “Criminal History Background Check Quick Links” click on the **Online Training: Mandatory Abuse Training, Criminal History Background Checks.**

*Facilities defined by the act include: Domiciliary Care Homes, Home Health Care Agencies, Long Term Care Nursing Facilities (licensed by Dept. of Health), Adult Daily Living Centers (licensed by Dept. of Aging), and Personal Care Homes (licensed by Dept. of Public Welfare). In addition, the Pennsylvania Department of Health has defined home health care organization or agency to include: hospices and birth centers, and the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW) has concluded that the Act is applicable to all DPW-licensed and DPW-operated residential facilities for adults; specifically: Personal Care Homes, 55 Pa. Code Ch. 2620; Community Residential Rehabilitation Services, 55 Pa. Code Ch. 5310; Long Term Structured Residences, 55 Pa. Code Ch. 5320; Community Homes for Individuals with Mental Retardation, 55 Pa. Code Ch. 6400; Family Living Homes, 55 Pa. Code Ch. 6500; ICF-MR's (private and state), 55 Pa. Code Ch. 6600; State Mental Hospitals; and Nursing Facilities. A Home Health Care Agency is further defined to include those agencies licensed by the Department of Health and any public or private organization which provides care to a care-dependent individual in their place of residence. A Home Care Registry or “Registry” is further defined to include those agencies licensed by the Department of Health any organization or business entity that supplies, arranges or refers independent contractors to provide activities of daily living or instrumental activities of daily living or specialized care in the consumer's place of residence or other independent living environment for which the registry receives a fee, consideration or compensation of any kind.