As a Result of This Training, Participants Will Be Better Able to:

- Define neglect and self-neglect
- Identify indicators of neglect
- Initiate contact with adult protective services and other professionals when appropriate

Neglect

- Physical neglect
- Emotional neglect
- Abandonment
- Financial neglect
Common Indicators of Neglect #1

- Sudden inability to meet essential physical, psychological, or social needs which threatens health, safety, or well-being
- Disappearing from contact with neighbors, friends, or family
- Appearing hungry, malnourished, or with a sudden weight loss
- Appearing disoriented or confused
- Suddenly appearing disheveled or wearing soiled clothing
Common Indicators of Neglect #2

- Expressing feelings of hopelessness, worthlessness, or insignificance
- Failing to take prescribed medications or nutritional supplements
- Blaming self for problems arising with family or caregivers
- Living in squalor or hazardous situations such as hoarding or cluttering

(NAPSA, 2017)

Self-Neglect

Individuals … “who fail to meet their own essential physical, psychological or social needs, which threatens their health, safety and well-being. This includes failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter and health care for one’s own needs.”

(NAPSA, 2017)

*No offender – but be sure to ask follow-up questions
Connecting with Local Resources

- Health care professionals
- Mental health professionals and substance abuse programs
- Aging services network – contact Area Agency on Aging
- Adult protective services

Overview of APS

Ricker Hamilton
Deputy Commissioner, Maine Department of Health and Human Services
Contacting APS: Considerations

- Confidentiality: When the victim has cognitive capacity to make decisions, what does the victim want?
- Mandatory reporting: If you must report, address safety planning
- Consultation and referrals

Summary

- Older victims may experience neglect or self-neglect.
- Keep indicators in mind. Ask questions.
- Reach out to other professionals as appropriate.
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