



Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

Reporting Form - United States To Report Abuse/Abandonment/Neglect/Exploitation of Minors and Vulnerable Adults Department of Human Resources: hr@antiochian.org

REPORTER INFORMATION .

Today's Date: _____

Your Last Name: _____ Your First Name: _____ MI: _____

Your Position: _____ Your Parish: _____ Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: Street # _____ Street Name: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____ State: _____

VICTIM INFORMATION

If the victim is a child, list other children in the home. If the victim is an adult, describe disability and how he/she is impaired in the ability to care for or protect self in the DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT section on page 2.

ADDRESS where the victim is currently located:

Street # _____ Street Name: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Cell Telephone Number: _____ Work Telephone Number: _____

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DOB	SEX	RACE	SSN	IS THIS PERSON A VICTIM?
(1)						☐ Yes ☐ No
(2)						☐ Yes ☐ No
(3)						☐ Yes ☐ No
(4)						☐ Yes ☐ No
(5)						☐ Yes ☐ No

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR ALLEGED ABUSE, NEGLECT, ABANDONMENT OR EXPLOITATION

NAME	DOB	SEX	RACE	SSN	RELATIONSHIP TO VICTIM
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

Please describe what allegedly happened, a description of injuries and/or threat of harm, when and where the incident occurred, and the frequency of occurrence.

WHAT happened or was alleged to happen to the victim?

Description of injuries/threat of harm:

WHEN did the incident occur?

WHERE did the incident occur?

WHO witnessed the incident?

Has this same or similar incident occurred previously? If so, was it reported?

Is there any other information to provide that might be helpful to the investigation?

FOR ADULT VICTIMS ONLY: Describe the adult victim's disability and how the victim is impaired in the ability to care for or protect self.

OTHER INDIVIDUALS

Please list others who might be aware of the abuse/abandonment/neglect/exploitation of the victim.

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO THE VICTIM	ADDRESS	CELL PHONE	WORK PHONE

FOR FEDERAL RESOURCES ON CHILD WELFARE, VISIT WWW.CHILDWELFARE.GOV.

DEFINITIONS

Many States' law is very specific about child and vulnerable adult abuse and neglect. A few of the definitions are mentioned below.

For CHILD reports:

"Abandoned" or "abandonment" means a situation in which the parent or legal custodian of a child or, in the absence of a parent or legal custodian, the caregiver, while being able, has made no significant contribution to the child's care and maintenance or has failed to establish or maintain a substantial and positive relationship with the child, or both. For purposes of this subsection, "establish or maintain a substantial and positive relationship" includes, but is not limited to, frequent and regular contact with the child through frequent and regular visitation or frequent and regular communication to or with the child, and the exercise of parental rights and responsibilities. Marginal efforts and incidental or token visits or communications are not sufficient to establish or maintain a substantial and positive relationship with a child. The term does not include a surrendered newborn infant, a child in need of services, or a family in need of services. The incarceration, repeated incarceration, or extended incarceration of a parent, legal custodian, or caregiver responsible for a child's welfare may support a finding of abandonment.

"Abuse" means any willful act or threatened act that results in any physical, mental, or sexual abuse, injury, or harm that causes or is likely to cause the child's physical, mental, or emotional health to be significantly impaired. Abuse of a child includes acts or omissions. Corporal discipline of a child by a parent or legal custodian for disciplinary purposes does not in itself constitute abuse when it does not result in harm to the child.

"Caregiver" means the parent, legal custodian, permanent guardian, adult household member, or other person responsible for a child's welfare.

"Neglect" occurs when a child is deprived of, or is allowed to be deprived of, necessary food, clothing, shelter, or medical treatment or a child is permitted to live in an environment when such deprivation or environment causes the child's physical, mental, or emotional health to be significantly impaired or to be in danger of being significantly impaired. The foregoing circumstances shall not be considered neglect if caused primarily by financial inability unless actual services for relief have been offered to and rejected by such person. A parent or legal custodian legitimately practicing religious beliefs in accordance with a recognized church or religious organization who thereby does not provide specific medical treatment for a child may not, for that reason alone, be considered a negligent parent or legal custodian; however, such an exception does

not preclude a court from ordering the following services to be provided, when the health of the child so requires:

- (a) Medical services from a licensed physician, dentist, optometrist, podiatric physician, or other qualified health care provider; or
- (b) Treatment by a duly accredited practitioner who relies solely on spiritual means for healing in accordance with the tenets and practices of a well-recognized church or religious organization.

Neglect of a child includes acts or omissions.

"Other person responsible for a child's welfare" includes the child's legal guardian or foster parent; an employee of any school, public or private child day care center, residential home, institution, facility, or agency; a law enforcement officer employed in any facility, service, or program for children that is operated or contracted by the Department of Juvenile Justice; or any other person legally responsible for the child's welfare in a residential setting; and also includes an adult sitter or relative entrusted with a child's care. For the purpose of departmental investigative jurisdiction, this definition does not include the following persons when they are acting in an official capacity: law enforcement officers, except as otherwise provided in this subsection; employees of municipal or county detention facilities; or employees of the Department of Corrections.

For ADULT reports:

"Abuse" means any willful act or threatened act by a relative, caregiver, or household member which causes or is likely to cause significant impairment to a vulnerable adult's physical, mental, or emotional health. Abuse includes acts and omissions.

"Caregiver" means a person who has been entrusted with or has assumed the responsibility for frequent and regular care of or services to a vulnerable adult on a temporary or permanent basis and who has a commitment, agreement, or understanding with that person or that person's guardian that a caregiver role exists. "Caregiver" includes, but is not limited to, relatives, household members, guardians, neighbors, and employees and volunteers of facilities. For the purpose of departmental investigative jurisdiction, the term "caregiver" does not include law enforcement officers or employees of municipal or county detention facilities or the Department of Corrections while acting in an official capacity.

"Exploitation" means a person who:

1. Stands in a position of trust and confidence with a vulnerable adult and knowingly, by deception or intimidation, obtains or uses, or endeavors to obtain or use, a vulnerable adult's funds, assets, or property with the intent to temporarily or permanently deprive a vulnerable adult of the use, benefit, or possession of the funds, assets, or property for the benefit of someone other than the vulnerable adult; or
2. Knows or should know that the vulnerable adult lacks the capacity to consent, and obtains or uses, or endeavors to obtain or use, the vulnerable adult's funds, assets, or

property with the intent to temporarily or permanently deprive the vulnerable adult of the use, benefit, or possession of the funds, assets, or property for the benefit of someone other than the vulnerable adult.

(b) "Exploitation" may include, but is not limited to:

1. Breaches of fiduciary relationships, such as the misuse of a power of attorney or the abuse of guardianship duties, resulting in the unauthorized appropriation, sale, or transfer of property;
2. Unauthorized taking of personal assets;
3. Misappropriation, misuse, or transfer of moneys belonging to a vulnerable adult from a personal or joint account; or
4. Intentional or negligent failure to effectively use a vulnerable adult's income and assets for the necessities required for that person's support and maintenance.

"Neglect" means the failure or omission on the part of the caregiver or vulnerable adult to provide the care, supervision, and services necessary to maintain the physical and mental health of the vulnerable adult, including, but not limited to, food, clothing, medicine, shelter, supervision, and medical services, which a prudent person would consider essential for the well-being of a vulnerable adult. The term "neglect" also means the failure of a caregiver or vulnerable adult to make a reasonable effort to protect a vulnerable adult from abuse, neglect, or exploitation by others. "Neglect" is repeated conduct or a single incident of carelessness which produces or could reasonably be expected to result in serious physical or psychological injury or a substantial risk of death.

"Vulnerable adult" means a person 18 years of age or older whose ability to perform the normal activities of daily living or to provide for his or her own care or protection is impaired due to a mental, emotional, long-term physical, or developmental disability or dysfunction, or brain damage, or the infirmities of aging.