

Case Scenario

The referral source called and reported the following information via the abuse hotline:

"Mr. Ken Dahl called and stated that he is currently living with his son and daughter-in-law and that both are hitting him daily leaving bruises. Mr. Dahl reports that he is 72 years old and does not have any significant medical or mental health diagnosis. He reports that he takes medications for things like high cholesterol and high blood pressure. Mr. Dahl reports that he is capable of meeting his activities of daily living (ADL's) on his own. Mr. Dahl is requesting assistance from APS with finding another place to live, because he does not want to live with his son and daughter-in-law any longer."

The APS worker initiated this referral with Mr. Dahl at his current residence. Mr. Dahl agreed to talk with the worker, since both the son and daughter-in-law were currently at work outside of the home. Mr. Dahl reported that he wants to have help finding some other place to live because of the abuse that is going on in the home. Mr. Dahl showed bruises on his arms, neck, and legs that he reported came from his son. Mr. Dahl was adamant that he did not want to involve the police in the matter.

The APS worker talked with Mr. Dahl about what kind of housing options he was interested in considering. Mr. Dahl stated that he receives \$1,625 a month from his pension and social security. He reported that he believes that he is still able to live independently in an apartment. Mr. Dahl stated that he was only living with his son because he was in a transitional state. He reported that he sold his family home because it was just too large to keep up with. He reported that the proceeds from the home were given as gifts to each of his children willingly.

Investigation/Assessment Decision

After conducting an interview with Mr. Dahl, it was determined that he was interested in finding his own apartment. Mr. Dahl was cooperative with the APS worker on getting an application completed and contacting others to assist with the move. Mr. Dahl was settled in to his new apartment and denied needing any additional services from APS.

This case was closed at the request of Mr. Dahl as he was able to attain a level of self-sufficiency that he was happy with and believes that maintains his health, welfare, and safety. The APS worker offered an aftercare plan that would provide additional guidance and support if needed.

Intake Decision

Mr. Dahl does not meet the definition of adult since he does not have a mental or physical dysfunction that is currently impairing his ability to meet his ADL's or protective himself from abuse/neglect or exploitation. This referral cannot be screened for an investigation at this time.

However, since Mr. Dahl is requesting services, this referral will be considered for General Adult Services. This referral will meet screening criteria for General Adult Services since Mr. Dahl is above the age of 65, does not have a mental or physical dysfunction, is being abused by a family member/household member and is requesting services.

The report is assigned by the intake worker to the APS Team that covers the county where Mr. Dahl resides.

Mr. Dahl was provided with different options for apartments in the area, and he selected one that would place him close enough to the store and his primary care physician. Mr. Dahl was advised that if he wants APS to be a part of the communication with the apartment complex he will need to sign a release of information. Mr. Dahl signed the release.

After some coordination, the APS worker and Mr. Dahl were able to get him moved into a new apartment. Mr. Dahl's other children were able to assist him with getting all his belongings moved. The other children did not express any concerns about living independently to the APS worker.