

**Staying Connected:** 

Elder Abuse Prevention and Awareness News

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## CONNECTED TO END ELDER ABUSE INITIATIVE 2020

## Goal 2:

Connect the Councils' great work to positive outcomes for adults

Save the Date:

Data Collection Efforts
Brainstorm Session
December 9th, 2020
10:00—11:00am

\* If you are interested in participating in this event and did not have an opportunity to respond to the previous survey, please email Cliff Bryant at cliff.bryant @ky.gov.

Thankful. A simple word that conveys feelings of gratitude, love and comfort.

During the month of November many Kentuckians take time to reflect on the previous year and recognize all the things that they are thankful to have or have experienced. 2020 has brought many challenges from COVID-19 to the great toilet paper shortage, but it has also brought many reasons to give thanks.

Due to healthy-at-home and healthy-at-work initiatives, many Kentuckians have been able to spend more quality time with their loved ones.

Thanks to advances in technology, many have been able to stay socially connected through video-conferencing, telephone calls and instant messaging.

So as we move in to the holiday season that is known for giving, let's make sure we give thanks to people and agencies that have done so much for Kentuckians over the past year.

Here are a few thanks:

 Thank you APS workers for continuing to see clients to

- ensure they are free from abuse, neglect and exploitation.
- Thank you Long Term Care Ombudsman for finding new innovative ways to help residents during this crisis.
- Thank you reviewers at OIG for continuing to go in to facilities to conduct infection control surveys.
- Thank you to the agencies serving adults that have worked around the clock to ensure health and safety of vulnerable adults and workers.



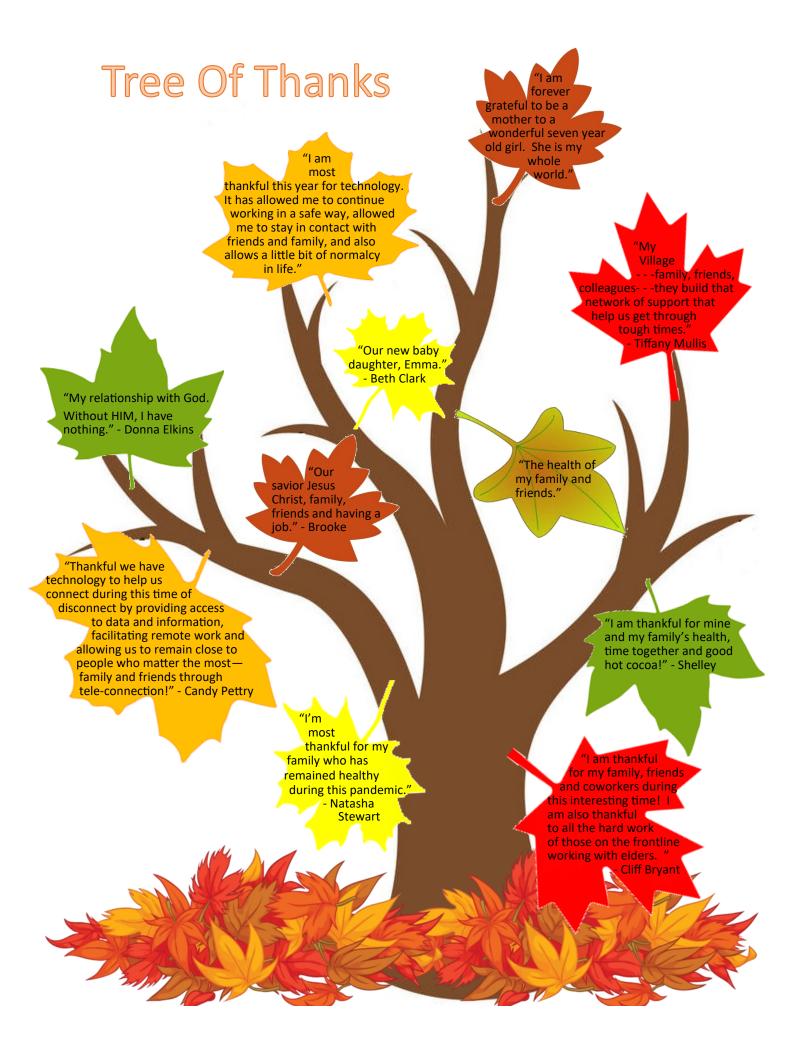
Do you know someone that has done wonderful things to help prevent elder abuse in Kentucky? Do you know someone that has gone above and beyond to help support Kentucky's vulnerable adults? We would love to recognize these Heroes. Please send nominations to













The Jefferson Service Region serves
Jefferson county. Jefferson county
represents about 17% of the state's
population according to data from
2019. This region has three designated
Adult Protective Services teams. Billy
Jenkins guides these teams as the
Service Region Administrator Associate.
A Family Service Office Supervisor
(FSOS) leads each team. The Service
Region Administrator Associate for this
region, Billy Jenkins, provides the
regional leadership support for the APS
teams.

## APS Teams Contact #: 502-595-4236

Specialized Investigations (facilities)

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Todd Meade, FSOS	x 5505
Jazmin Perkins	x 5071
Mohan Kumar Naidu	x 5219
Community Team (including IDT)	
Sherrice Jackson, FSOS	x 5318
Rhondalyn Clark	x 5120
Tara Coffing	x 5502
Cristina Garwacki	x 5192
Ghaneisa Mack	x 5851
Lisa Spalding	x 5123
<u>Community Team</u>	
Shaniqua Tandy, FSOS	x 5212
Laura Phillips-Payne	x 5118
Alexandria Fenwick	x 5194
Tia Gill	x 5129
Loretta Howell	x 5118
Ethel Graham	x 5082



Federal Trade Commission's Annual Report to Congress on Protecting Older Adults

2019-2020

Elder Abuse Annual Research Compilation

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Mistreatment of Latinx Older Adults—Research Brief

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Mistreatment of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Elders Research Brief

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Kentucky Housing Corporation Weatherization Assistance Program

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12/4/20 9:00-2:00pm (EST) (\$50.00)

"Pandemic Psychological Recovery: How to manage the mental health crisis of COVID-19 using rapid resiliency"

**REGISTER HERE** 

12/10/20 2:00-3:00pm (EST)
"Providing Help, Restoring Hope"
REGISTER HERE

12/15/20 3:00-4:00pm (EST)

"APS Study on the Impact of COVID-19"

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## What is a Caregiver Misconduct Registry Case?

As of July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Adult Protective Services has been conducting investigations involving alleged perpetrators that are eligible for placement on the Caregiver Misconduct Registry. Although these investigations are conducted with the same level of scrutiny as all other investigations, there are specific steps that must be taken as a result of due process protections.

An alleged perpetrator is deemed eligible for placement on the registry if they are an employee or volunteer of a vulnerable adult services provider or a private caregiver with an expectation of compensation. For a detailed list of vulnerable adult services providers visit KRS 209.032(1)(c). The alleged perpetrator will be informed of the allegations and informed that at the closure of the investigation they will receive the findings as well as information about how to appeal if necessary.

If a caregiver misconduct registry investigation is substantiated for abuse, neglect or exploitation, the alleged perpetrator will be notified in writing and provided with an opportunity to appeal this finding. The perpetrator will have 30 days to request an appeal. The alleged perpetrator has a right to be represented by an attorney during the entirety of this process. Once the hearing is completed a recommendation will be made to uphold or overturn the finding. If the alleged perpetrator does not agree with this recommendation, a further appeal to the Circuit Court (county of allegation or Franklin County) may be completed. If after all the appeals have concluded or the time for an appeal has expired, a final order by the Secretary of CHFS shall be issued affirming the finding as a validated substantiated finding or overturning the original finding.

If the alleged perpetrator is placed on the registry, they will remain on there for at least seven years for any case that did not involve a fatality or near-fatality. If the finding is the result of a fatality or near-fatality the alleged perpetrator will be placed on the registry for life.

If you are interested in a self-query of the registry, you may do so at the following link: <a href="https://prd.webapps.chfs.ky.gov/kacmr/Home.aspx">https://prd.webapps.chfs.ky.gov/kacmr/Home.aspx</a>. This registry can only be searched by the individual (alleged perpetrator) or an employer of a vulnerable adult services provider.