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## MEET THE TEAM

The Lakes Service Region serves Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Todd and Trigg counties. This region has two designated Adult Protective Services teams. The Service Region Clinical Associate for this region, Janet Doyel, provides the regional leadership support for the APS teams. A Family Service Office Supervisor (FSOS) leads each team. Jessica Hayes provides support to the APS teams as the Specialist.

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## What is an Authorized Agency?

KRS 209.020 defines an authorized agency as the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, a law enforcement agency or the Department of Kentucky State Police, The office of the Commonwealth's attorney or county attorney; or the appropriate division of the Office the Attorney General.

Authorized agencies are entities that may conduct investigations that involve abuse, neglect or exploitation of adults. Each agency will conduct their investigations based on their statutory and regulatory guidelines. For specifics on their authority please reach out to their respective offices. We will have articles in future newsletters that may help to address some of those questions.

When a referral is received through our central intake process, the information is shared with the appropriate authorized agency when conditions justify notification. In short, if an authorized agency has a legitimate interest in a case, they are notified.

Adult protective services (APS) will attempt to coordinate with the appropriate authorized agencies during the course of an investigation to better meet the needs of adults. Due to varying laws and regulations, each agency may conduct their investigations on a different time frame. Even with these limitations, each agency still shares information as necessary.

The following agencies could be considered authorized agencies within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services:

- Office of Inspector General
- Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disability
- Department of Aging and Independently Living (Long-Term Care Ombudsman)
- Department for Medicaid Services.

For law enforcement purposes, APS will share information with the entity that has jurisdiction for the investigation. Depending on the area this could be the Sheriff's department, city police, county police, or the Kentucky State Police. The local APS unit will be able to ensure the appropriate law enforcement entity is notified.

The type of allegations will determine if the County versus the Commonwealth's attorney is notified.

The most common division that is notified under the Office of Attorney General is the Medicaid Fraud Unit.



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**If you have anything upcoming, please let me know so it can be shared here.**