



HEALTH & SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY

The Ashtabula County Board of DD is required to report all suspected, alleged, or actual Abuse, Neglect, or Theft to local law enforcement or Children Services, as applicable, per the Ohio Administrative Code section 5123:2-17-02 (e.g. Incidents Adversely Affecting Health & Safety) referred to as the “MUI Rule”.

In addition, all agencies or persons providing services to a developmentally disabled individual are required to report suspected, alleged, or actual abuse or neglect. The Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities, as well as all providers who are licensed or certified by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities are mandated to report all incidents that meet the criteria of an MUI (Major Unusual Incident) outlined in the MUI Rule. The specific types of MUI’s are listed in the Types of Incidents link.

All Unusual Incidents, e.g. the minor incidents, are reported to the parent, guardian, or licensed or certified provider the SAME DAY the incident occurs (unless other arrangements have been made).

About Us

- The Ashtabula County Board of DD employs two Investigative Agents (IA's) certified by the Ohio Department of DD.
- In March of 2002, the ACBDD began providing the service of a Ohio Dept. of DD certified Investigative Agent to review incidents & accidents that involved individuals with mental retardation and/or developmental disabilities. In July of 2002, a second certified Investigative Agent was hired.
- The IA's training has consisted of:
 - Annual Training on OAC 5123:2-17-02, Incidents Adversely Affecting Health & Safety.
 - Civil & Criminal Investigatory Practices (Interviewing, Evidence Gathering, Law Enforcement investigation protocol, Report Writing, Medical Photography, Labor Laws, Administrative Investigation/Review), and other topics relating to conducting administrative, civil, and/or criminal investigations.
- The ACBDD Investigative Agents are certified instructors by the Crisis Prevention Institute to teach Non-Violent Crisis Intervention.
- The ACBDD Investigative Agents are Certified by the Ohio Department of DD as Service and Support Administrators.
- The IA's review all incidents involving individuals with developmental disabilities in Ashtabula County.
- The IA's determine the facts of the incidents.
- The IA's determine if immediate action was taken to ensure the health & safety of the individual(s).
- The IA's ensure the individual's team develops a plan of care or preventive measures to decrease the likelihood of further similar incidents.
- The IA's file all Major Unusual Incident information with the Ohio Department of DD.

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