

DEMOGRAPHICS AND OUTCOMES FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES FY 2014-2015

WHO ARE THE ADULTS AND THEIR FAMILIES?	WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THEM?	WHAT DO THESE ADULTS AND THEIR FAMILIES NEED?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In FY 2014-2015 24,545 reports were received by county departments of social services alleging the abuse, neglect or exploitation of adults. • 12,121 of the reports were screened-in for Adult Protective Services to determine whether the adults reported as being abused, neglected or exploited were in need of protective services. • Older adults comprised the majority of those receiving APS, 72% were 60 years of age or older, 28% were 18-59 years of age. • Women comprised 61% of the total reports screened-in, and men comprised 39%. • 68% of the adults reported were White, 26% were Black, 1% was Hispanic and the remaining 5% were Native American, Asian and others. • The majority of the adults reported were living in our communities. 87% lived alone or with family members, while 13% lived in a facility, institution or shelter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abuse, neglect or exploitation was found for 5,405 (45%) of the reports screened-in. • Neglect (88%) was the most common form of mistreatment found. 65% of the neglect situations involved self neglect. 23% involved caretaker neglect. • Abuse was found in 5% of the situations. • Exploitation was found in 13% of the situations. • When mistreatment was found, the most frequently named perpetrator was an adult child, followed by a spouse, a parent, a non-relative caretaker and other relatives. • The most common disabilities experienced by mistreated adults were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Physical illness -- Multiple disabilities --Alzheimer's Disease --Other Physical Impairment --Mental Illness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factors which may have contributed to the abuse, neglect or exploitation of adults living at home included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Mental/Emotional impairment -- Physical Impairment -- Dependent/Physically Frail -- Inadequate Health Care -- Unsafe Environment -- Substance Use/Misuse -- Inadequate knowledge of the health care needs of the disabled adult -- Unstable living arrangement • The primary factors identified as contributing to mistreatment in facilities included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Inadequate knowledge or training of care needs -- Inadequate supervision or management • The most frequently identified services needed to address the abuse, neglect, or exploitation included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Placement -- Medical or Health Care -- In-home Aide Services -- Legal/Surrogate Decision Maker -- Money Management -- Mental Health

Source: NC DHHS, Division of Aging and Adult Services, Adult Protective Services Register FY 2014-2015