INDEPENDENCE HOUSE, INC. and THE CAPE & ISLANDS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING AND OVERVIEW OF SAFETY, LEGAL, AND BASIC NEEDS PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Part 1: Mandated Reporting - Learn who is a mandated reporter, legal obligations of reporters, what constitutes abuse and neglect, how to recognize abuse and neglect, how to file reports, and what happens after a report is made

Part 2: Community Resources - Learn about safety, legal, and basic needs programs and services for survivors of SDV and others who may benefit from these resources

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

8:30am-1:00pm (*doors open at 8:00am for coffee and conversation*)

HARBOR VIEW CONFERENCE ROOM, 3195 Main Street, Barnstable Village, MA

OVERVIEW: The Commonwealth receives over 106,000 reports of child, elder, and disabled persons abuse and neglect each year. It is a crime for mandated reporters to fail to file a Report if, in their professional capacity, they have reasonable cause to believe a child, elder, or a person with disabilities is being abused or neglected. Understanding legal obligations, what constitutes abuse and neglect, how to recognize abuse and neglect, steps to filing a report, and knowing what takes place after a report is made are of utmost importance to a mandated reporter and the safety of vulnerable populations.

Also important for mandatory reporters and frontline workers is to be aware of the safety, legal and basic needs resources in their community. Frontline workers are at the forefront of being able to offer timely and critical information about services and programs that can make meaningful impact to people's lives. It is not feasible to meet all needs "under one roof" and it is essential for frontline workers to be knowledgeable of the available safety, legal, and basic needs resources in order to provide high-quality, life-changing referrals to people in need.

TARGET AUDIENCE

All professional and community stakeholders who work directly with or on behalf of children, elders, and persons with disabilities, especially those in professions who are mandated by Massachusetts law to report suspicion of abuse or neglect.

- **Social Workers**
- **Counselors**
- **Health Aides**
- **Nurses**
- **Law Enforcement**
- **Clergy**
- **Probation Officers**
- **Advocates**
- **EMTs**
- **Firefighters**
- **Case Workers**
- **COA Directors**

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this program, participants should be able to:

1. Identify what constitutes abuse and neglect in children, elders and persons with disabilities.
2. Explain how to recognize signs of suspected abuse and neglect in children, elders and persons with disabilities.
3. List the steps involved in filing a 51-A Report, an Elder Abuse Report and a DPPC Abuse Report.
4. Identify safety, legal, and basic needs programs and services available to survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

SPACE IS LIMITED: Registration is required. If you receive a "Registration Closed" message, this means we have reached capacity and are unable to accept more registrants.

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