

Home- & Community-Based Services for the Aged, Blind and Disabled

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration administers various programs, including waiver programs, which help people facing permanent or temporary life challenges at various stages of life. The goal of many of these programs is to allow individuals who meet criteria to receive services within their homes and communities as opposed to being institutionalized. These programs and waivers are described in this section.

■ Adult Protective Services

The Adult Protective Services program was established to receive and investigate reports regarding adults within the state of Indiana who may be endangered and, as appropriate, to coordinate a proper response to protect endangered adults who are victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation. APS field investigators operate out of the offices of county prosecutors throughout the state. If the APS unit has reason to believe that an individual who is 18 years or older is an endangered adult, the unit shall investigate the complaint or cause the complaint to be investigated by law enforcement or other agency and make a determination as to whether the individual reported is an endangered adult.

Who is considered an endangered adult?

An endangered adult is defined as an individual who is:

- At least 18 years old
- Incapacitated by any of the following:
 - > Mental illness
 - > Developmental/Intellectual disability
 - > Dementia
 - > Habitual drunkenness
 - > Excessive drug use
 - > Other physical or mental incapacity preventing the person from managing or directing the management of his or her property or providing or directing the provision of self care
- and
- Harmed or threatened with harm as a result of any of the following:
 - > Battery
 - > Neglect
 - > Exploitation of the individual's personal services or property

What is battery, neglect or exploitation?

Indiana is a mandatory report state, meaning everyone is required by law to report cases of suspected neglect, battery or exploitation of an endangered adult to an APS unit or law enforcement. All reports are secured and kept confidential.

- **Battery:** Knowingly or intentionally touching a person in a rude, insolent or angry manner; or in a rude, insolent or angry manner placing any bodily fluid or waste on another person



- **Neglect/Self-Neglect:** The intentional withholding of essential care or service or the inability of an individual to care for himself or herself; abandonment and confinement of an individual is also considered neglect
- **Exploitation:** The intentional misuse of a person's property, person or services for financial gain; includes, but is not limited to, sexual misuse as well as the use of the endangered adult's labor without pay

Adult Protective Services offices

UNIT 1

2900 W. 93rd Ave.
Crown Point, IN 46307
219-755-3863
219-755-3865 FAX

UNIT 1A

Courthouse Square
809 State St.
LaPorte, IN 46350
219-326-6808, ext. 2348
219-324-9394 FAX

UNIT 2

533 N. Niles Ave.
South Bend, IN 46617
800-626-8320
574-235-5092
574-235-9734 FAX

UNIT 3

Keystone Building, 1st Floor
602 S. Calhoun St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
260-449-7989
260-449-4618 FAX

UNIT 4

111 N. Fourth St.
Lafayette, IN 47901
765-423-9307

UNIT 5

200 Court Park
Logansport, IN 46947
574-753-5808
574-735-3205 FAX

UNIT 6

Madison County
Government Center
16 E. Ninth St., Box 5
Anderson, IN 46016
765-641-9570

UNIT 7

Vigo County Courthouse
33 S. Third St.
Terre Haute, IN 47807
812-462-3286

UNIT 8

251 E. Ohio St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317-327-1403

UNIT 8B

Shelby County Courthouse
407 S. Harrison St.
Shelbyville, IN 46176
317-392-6495
888-387-2352

UNIT 10

501 N. Morton St., Ste. 215
Bloomington, IN 47404
812-349-2665

UNIT 11

2350 Illinois Ave.
Columbus, IN 47201
812-379-1670

UNIT 12

165 Mary St.
Lawrenceburg, IN 47205
812-537-8862

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Adult Protective Services unit service areas

