

# Franklin County Office on Aging Adult Protective Services

## Fact Sheet 2009

### *APS at a glance...*

#### Background

- The Franklin County Office on Aging began administering the program in 1999
- Funding provided by the Department of Job and Family Services.
- Intended to assist impaired adults who may be harmed due to abuse, neglect or exploitation

#### Goal

- Prevent, reduce or remedy conditions causing danger to the adult
- Maximize the adult's independence and self-direction
- Prevent unnecessary institutionalization by selecting the least restrictive alternative

#### Contact

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(614) 462-5230

Adult Protective Services  
(614) 462-4348

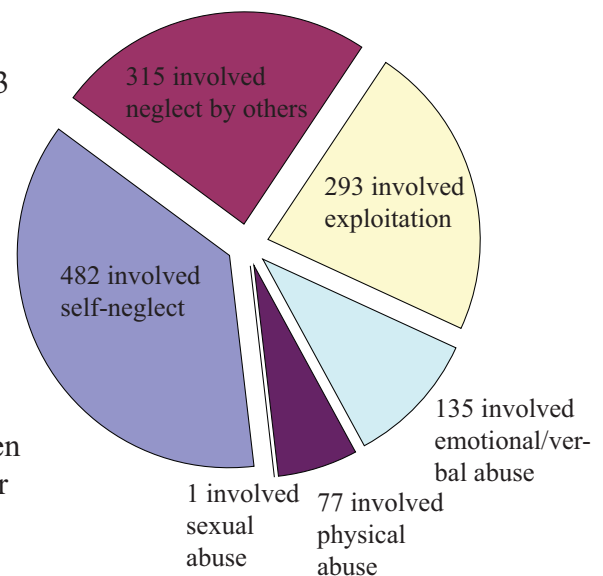
According to the National Center in Elder Abuse, only one in five cases of elder abuse are reported in the United States<sup>1</sup>. For state fiscal year 2009, Ohio received 17,366 reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation<sup>2</sup>.

*The following information is based on data submitted to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.*

Franklin County investigated 1,303 cases of older adult abuse, neglect and/or exploitation in 2009. Of these reports:

In these cases:

- 445 perpetrators were adult children
- 120 were a spouse/significant other
- 65 were an acquaintance
- 82 were a grandchild
- 55 were some other relative
- 26 were a paid caregiver
- 510 were unknown/other/undefined



#### Demographic Overview

The majority of older adults (466) involved with Adult Protective Services were 70-79 years old, female (802) and Caucasian (887). Additionally, most were widowed (587) and reside in their own home (1104).

<sup>1</sup> National Elder Abuse Incident Study, 1996

<sup>2</sup> Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, Adult Protective Services Fact Sheet for SFY 2008