If this talk is upsetting

You can call the national abuse hot line to talk to someone.
Hotline: 1 (800) 656-4673
Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via phone and online chat.
Abuse and Neglect 101

How to report Abuse and Neglect

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What is SARTAC?

- Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center
- Online clearinghouse for information
- A partnership between regional technical assistance centers
- Funded by Administration for Community Living
Abuse and Neglect

- Learn what is abuse and neglect
- Learn about the different types and examples of abuse and neglect
- Learn what you can do to report abuse and neglect
- Learn what is a Protection and Advocacy (P&A)
- Learn what is a mandated reporter
Definitions: What is Abuse and Neglect

- Abuse is to be mean, cruel and/or violent treatment of a person.
- Neglect is to disregard, not take care of, or failure to provide to a person.
Different Types of Abuse

- Physical abuse
- Domestic violence or abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Psychological or emotional abuse
- Financial or material abuse
- Discriminatory abuse - David story of discrimination
Examples of Abuse

- Assault, hitting, slapping, punching, kicking, hair-pulling, biting, pushing
- Physical punishments
- Rough handling
- Scalding and burning
- Inappropriate or unlawful use of restraint
Examples of Abuse

• Making someone purposefully uncomfortable (ex: opening a window and removing blankets)
• Involuntary isolation or confinement
• Misuse of medication (ex: over-sedation)
• Forcible feeding or withholding food
• Unauthorized restraint, restricting movement (ex: tying someone to a chair)
Different Types of Neglect

- Physical *Neglect*
- Medical *Neglect*
- Educational *Neglect*
- Emotional *Neglect*
Examples of Neglect

- The failure to provide necessary food, clothing, and shelter
- Inappropriate or lack of supervision
- The failure to provide necessary medical or mental health treatment
- Letting someone have poor appearance and hygiene
- Letting someone being hungry or not given money for food
- Letting someone living in an unsuitable place such as having no heating
Organizations can cause Abuse and Neglect

Examples:

- During Katrina we heard about people being left behind to die in nursing facilities because staff left
- Institutions refuse to call you by your name and devalue you by calling you a number
What do you do if you or someone you know is being Abused or Neglected?

- Tell some one you trust and ask for help
- Call the Protection and Advocacy (P&A) in your state if you or the person abused or neglected is a person with a disability
- If you believe your life, or the person’s life, is in danger or in an emergency situation, call 911
What is a Mandate Reporter?

- A mandated reporter is a person who, because of his or her job, is legally required to report any suspicion of abuse or neglect to the authorities.
- Check with your organization or agency on how to report abuse and neglect.
Who else can Report?

- Anyone can report abuse and neglect
- You are not a mandated reporter, but reporting abuse and neglect should start with you speaking up when you have seen or if you have been abused and neglected
What is a P&A

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ySimdfAZRk
Small Group Questions

- What would you do if you witnessed abuse or neglect?
- When should you call 911?
- Who would you trust to tell about abuse and neglect?
- Are you or do you know someone who is a mandated reporter?
- Have you ever worked with your state’s P&A?
Resources for self advocacy groups can be found at www.selfadvocacyinfo.org