



PROGRAM ABUSE PREVENTION PLAN

Program:	Mankato Adult Day Services-EASE		
Address:	15 Map Drive		
	Mankato MN 56001		
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(Pertains to people served in programs licensed by the Department of Human Services)

The clients served in programs licensed by the Department of Human Services are considered to be vulnerable adults as defined by the Minnesota Statutes, section 626.557, and may be susceptible to maltreatment. It is the policy of MRCI to:

- a) Report suspected maltreatment of vulnerable adults;
- b) Provide a Program Abuse Prevention Plan; and
- c) Provide Risk Management Plan (Individual Abuse Prevention Plan) for each person receiving services.

Any MRCI staff having knowledge of an incident of suspected maltreatment of a vulnerable adult will make a report either internally or externally. The reporter shall follow the procedure outlined in the policy regarding reporting of suspected maltreatment of clients which complies with the procedures outlined in the Vulnerable Adults Act (Rule 10).

A Risk Management Plan (Individual Abuse Prevention Plan) is developed for each person receiving services. This plan is based on an assessment of the individual's vulnerabilities and susceptibility to abuse by other individuals, including other vulnerable adults, the needs of the individual, and have a written plan with specific measures to be taken to minimize the risk of abuse to that person. The plan will also address self-abuse, if relevant. The assessment will include information regarding any history of previous maltreatment by or to the individual which is relevant to minimizing risk of maltreatment. The Risk Management Plan (Individual Abuse Prevention Plan) is reviewed annually by the team using the individual assessment and any reports of abuse relating to the person. The plan will be updated on a quarterly basis. The person receiving services will participate in the development of the plan to the fullest extent of his or her capabilities. The person's legal representative will be given the opportunity to participate in the development of the plan.

A. Assessment of the Population

MRCI Adult Day Services is licensed to provide adult day care services to people of all genders who are 18 and older who have disabilities that substantially limit options and participation in other programs and are at risk of requiring a more restrictive environment because of the disability. There are 44 people currently enrolled in the program. The ages of the participants are 48 – 83. The average age is 67.

The individual is able to meet his/her needs fairly independently. The needs of the individuals are addressed at the initial planning conference and quarterly thereafter. The supports and

services required by each individual is developed with input from the team members and documented in the individual care plan. Most of the issues are related to aging. Staff are trained in providing the type of care required by each individual. Most of the individuals are ambulatory and able to meet their own needs though several use assistive devices for mobility. There are no significant behavioral issues.

B. Assessment of the Physical Plant

The Adult Day Services is housed in a barrier-free building constructed in 1979. It is one story, and meets all life, fire, and safety codes. Mechanical assists in doorways increase access to all individuals needing assistance. These are located at the entrances and to the Adult Day Services program area. Each individual is oriented to moving to areas of safety or exit in case of emergency or fire. Just outside the west side of the building there is a door to a concrete patio area with a picnic table. Gardens, flowers, a glider and bird feeders are available for clients to enjoy either while outside or through the window in the program area. The Adult Day Services areas are co-located with the extended employment program and 245D work/day service programs at MRCl. Any individual subject to wandering or entering unsafe areas of the building remain under Adult Day Services staff supervision throughout the day. Persons receiving services are supervised when in areas of the building that are shared with persons from other programs and visitors. The warehouse is an area that may be difficult to supervise. The warehouse is not an area that is regularly accessed by Adult Day Services clients. When it is necessary for clients to go into the warehouse, staff accompany them. Workers in the warehouse contact Adult Day Services staff if there are ever clients who are in the area unattended.

C. Assessment of the Environment

The Adult Day Services program at MRCl is located on 10 acres of land in the industrial park in the south east corner of Mankato. Industry is light and traffic is generally acquainted with the ADS clients. A traffic controller monitors the busiest and high traffic areas during the departure times. Clients spend a number of hours participating in activities in the community and are supervised accordingly.

Whenever areas of potential hazard are reported, appropriate action will be taken within 24 hours to correct the hazard. If more time is required, the hazard will be secured to prevent access by a vulnerable adult.

The programming within the Adult Day Services program consists of providing classes and activities focused on social and recreational, educational and health maintenance.

The staffing for Adult Day Services is based on the number of participants active in the program for each activity. A staff ratio of at least 1:8 is maintained for each person who is able to demonstrate self-preservation skills.

- D. Plan Review –Describe any knowledge of previous abuse that is relevant to minimizing the risk of abuse to people receiving services: (Any substantiated maltreatment findings that occurred since the last review, June 2017-June 2018).

The Program Abuse Prevention Plan will be reviewed annually by the Map Drive Program Manager and the MRCI Governing Board members. Reports of maltreatment, changes in the population, physical plant, and environmental issues will be assessed in recommending revisions to the plan. The plan will be revised as needed. There were no reports of substantiated Vulnerable Adult Reports in this time period.

- E. Plan Orientation for Persons receiving services

Each individual receiving services or his/her representative will be oriented to the Program Abuse Prevention Plan within 24 hours of admission to the program, or within 72 hours of admission, if the later time will be of more benefit to the individual. If the individual is unable to comprehend the orientation, the reason will be documented in the person's individual abuse prevention plan. The Program Abuse Prevention Plan will be reviewed each year at the individual's annual review and quarterly by the EASE Program Leader.

- F. Plan Distributing

A copy of the plan will be posted in Adult Day Services program area and a copy will be available to the individual or legal representative at the time of admission, annual review, and upon request. The date of last review will be indicated on the plan.

For the period of June 2018 through June 2019, there were no substantiated reports of possible maltreatment of a vulnerable adult served in the Adult Day Services Program-MRCI Mankato.



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