



Program Abuse Prevention Plan

Program:	New Ulm Adult Day Services-EASE		
Address:	20 Minnecon Park		
	New Ulm MN 56073		
Date plan developed:	05/2016	Revised Date	07/2019

(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 more frequent basis if necessary. 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 E.A.S.E. New Ulm 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.

The individuals are able to meet his/her needs fairly independently. The needs of the individuals are addressed at the initial planning conference and annually thereafter. The supports and services required by each individual is developed with input from the team members and documented in the individual care plan. Some individuals have a specific goal area/procedure that are implemented to help teach them how to appropriately respond to stimulus and or/how to process information without becoming frustrated, and/or how to communicate wants or needs. Staff are trained on these annually and/or if any changes are made to the plan. Staff are also trained on the diagnosis of physical and intellectual disabilities and what can be expected per diagnoses in general, and specifically to each individual. Most of the individuals are ambulatory and able to meet their own needs.

The New Ulm E.A.S.E. Program is partnered with Health Counseling Services. A nurse visit is made to the E.A.S.E Program twice a month. The nurse provides monthly health consultations and review for each individual and their medical procedures. The nurse also provides Medication Administration training to staff.

B. Assessment of the Physical Plant

The New Ulm E.A.S.E Program is housed in a barrier-free building which is one story, and meets all life, fire, and safety codes. The layout of the building allows for visual monitoring of almost all spaces. Lavatories are lockable and are equipped with lights to indicate someone is inside and have visual/sound alarm pull cords inside. Mechanical assists in doorways increase access to all individuals needing assistance. Each individual is oriented to moving to areas of safety or exit in case of emergency or fire.

C. Assessment of the Environment

The E.A.S.E Program at MRCL is located on a quiet street near Minnecon Park in New Ulm, MN. The building's patio area is adjacent to the end of a rail line used occasionally for switching cars; this is not a thru line. The patio is completely fenced in. All access to the park area will be monitored by staff. Individuals 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 New Ulm E.A.S.E Program consists of providing classes, activities, trips, and events focused on social, recreational, educational and health enrichment. Volunteer opportunities are also offered. Through the E.A.S.E Program, participants are able to enjoy an increase in opportunities for friendship and social contacts.

The staffing for the New Ulm E.A.S.E program is based on the number of individuals active in the program for each activity. A staff ratio of 1:8 is maintained for each person who is able to demonstrate self-preservation skills.

D. Plan Review

The Program Abuse Prevention Plan will be reviewed annually by the Program Director and the MRCI Board of Directors. 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. (June 2018- June 2019).

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.

F. Plan Distributing

A copy of the plan will be posted at the New Ulm E.A.S.E. Program in an area where it will be accessible for both staff and individuals. A copy will also 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.



Duane Olenius, MRCI Board President

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Date