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Joining Forces At Work

Becky Collins
Joining Forces Supervisor

Joining Forces, in conjunction with Matt Yunker, Community Relations Coordinator for the Cleveland Browns, was able to get their department involved with the Cleveland Browns “Shop with a Pro” event at Dick’s Sporting Goods. Almost twenty Browns players, including quarterback Brady Quinn, pitched in and participated in the event. Dick’s Sporting Goods matched each of the player donations, and 30 children received a pair of shoes and \$200 to spend at Dick’s however they wished. Each child was paired with a Browns player, who led the children around the store to help them shop. Pizza and pop were provided to the children as well. Tina Allgood, Doris Harris, Becky Nemeth, Danielle Prevett, Hesana Ralston, Julie Riechert, Tammy Ruiz, Melissa Wheeler, and Jimmie Fossie attended the event to help out.



Cultural Diversity News

Marge Kiely
Staff Development Supervisor

The Cultural Diversity Committee sponsored two recent fund raising events in our agency to assist the members of our community.

During the Fall ‘Children’s Mitten and Sock Drive’, 160 pair of mittens/gloves, 50 winter hats, and 80 pair of socks adorned our Christmas Tree. The donations were given to some of our local schools through our Joining Forces Program.

The November/December Food Drive netted 442.5 pounds of food. 523 cans/boxes were donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Dress down passes were sold for \$1.00 each, and as a result, \$200 was collected to purchase grocery gift certificates to keep on hand for emergency situations.

These projects were successful due to the generosity and caring of the LCDJFS Staff in their willingness to assist our community, which has been facing such tough economic times.



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Lorain County Adult Protective Services Facts FY 2008

From July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, the Adult Protective Services (APS) unit of Lorain County Department of Job & Family Services received and investigated 462 reports (separate allegations) of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of adults age 60 and over. The reports concerned 317 individuals.

The highest number of reports (177) was for those ages 80-89, followed by 129 allegations regarding adults ages 70-79.

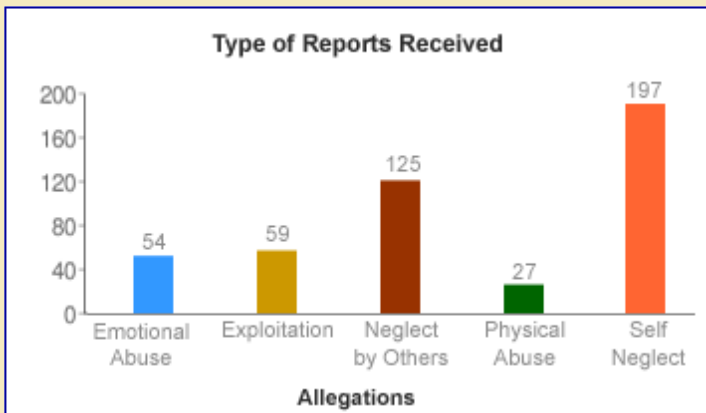
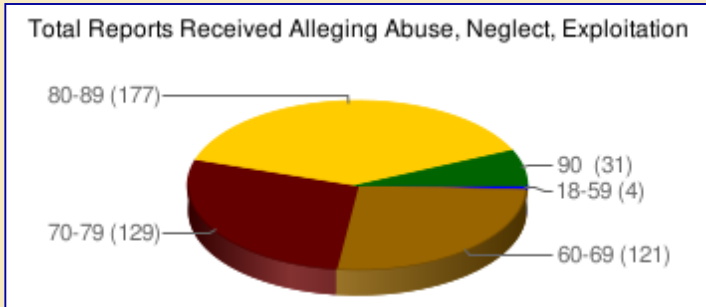
Self-neglect was the concern most reported, 197 allegations. There were 125 reports of Neglect by Others.

There were 81 reports of abuse, 27 of physical abuse and 54 of emotional abuse.

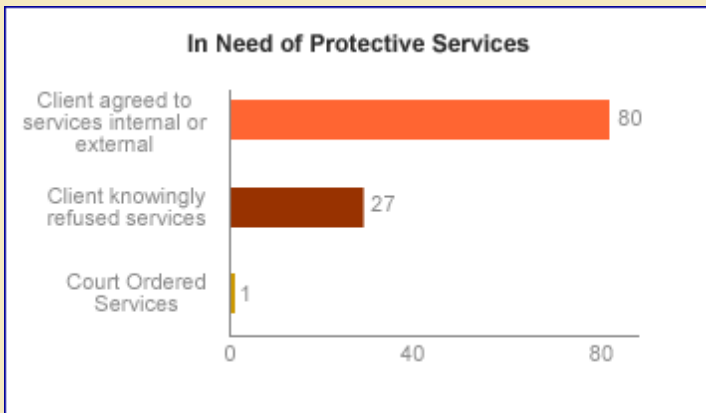
Exploitation comprised 59 of the allegations reported.

Of the 462 reports, there were 151 validated allegations. Of those found to be in need of protective services, 80 clients agreed to services, 27 knowingly refused help. Another 44 were resolved in other ways during the 30-day investigation period.

The following graphs represent statistics received from county departments of job and family services and are based on case of alleged abuse, neglect and exploitation. Each graph represents the number of cases reported per category



For information, or to report suspected elder abuse in Lorain County, call:
440-284-4465



Adult Protective Services Fact Sheet For SFY 2008

The following information is based on data submitted by the county departments of job and family services (CDJFS). A total of 88 counties (100%) submitted statistics for SFY 2008.

Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation in Ohio

Facts:

From July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 a total of 16,109 reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation were received by the county departments of job and family services for adults 18 years of age and over. Of the 16,109 reports, 15,050 were reports of elders age 60 and over.

- Abuse comprised a total of 2,129 reports received. Of the total number of abuse reports, 1,996 were reports of elders 60 and over.
- Neglect comprised a total of 11,630 reports received. There are two categories of Neglect that represents the total number: Self Neglect and Neglect by Others.
- Self neglect represented 8,151 reports received. Of this number, 7,537 were reports of elders age 60 and over.
- Neglect by Others represented 3,479 reports received. Of this number, 3,283 were reports of elders age 60 and over.
- Exploitation comprised a total of 2,350 reports received. Of this total, 2,234 were reports of elders age 60 and over.

There were a total of 1,248 reports that indicated an emergency existed.

There were a total 6,941 individuals in need of protective services. Of this number:

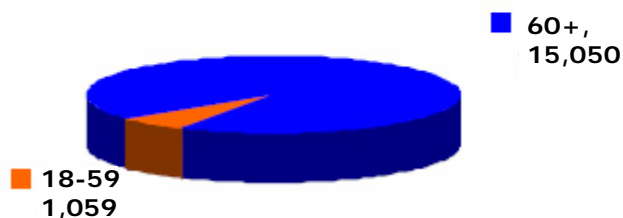
- 3,946 agreed to receive services.
- 1,995 refused services.
- 107 services needed but not available.
- 774 were unable to refuse or agree to services,
- 119 were court ordered services.

For More Information Call 1-866-886-3537

Data Covers the period from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

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Total Reports Received Alleging Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation
16,109



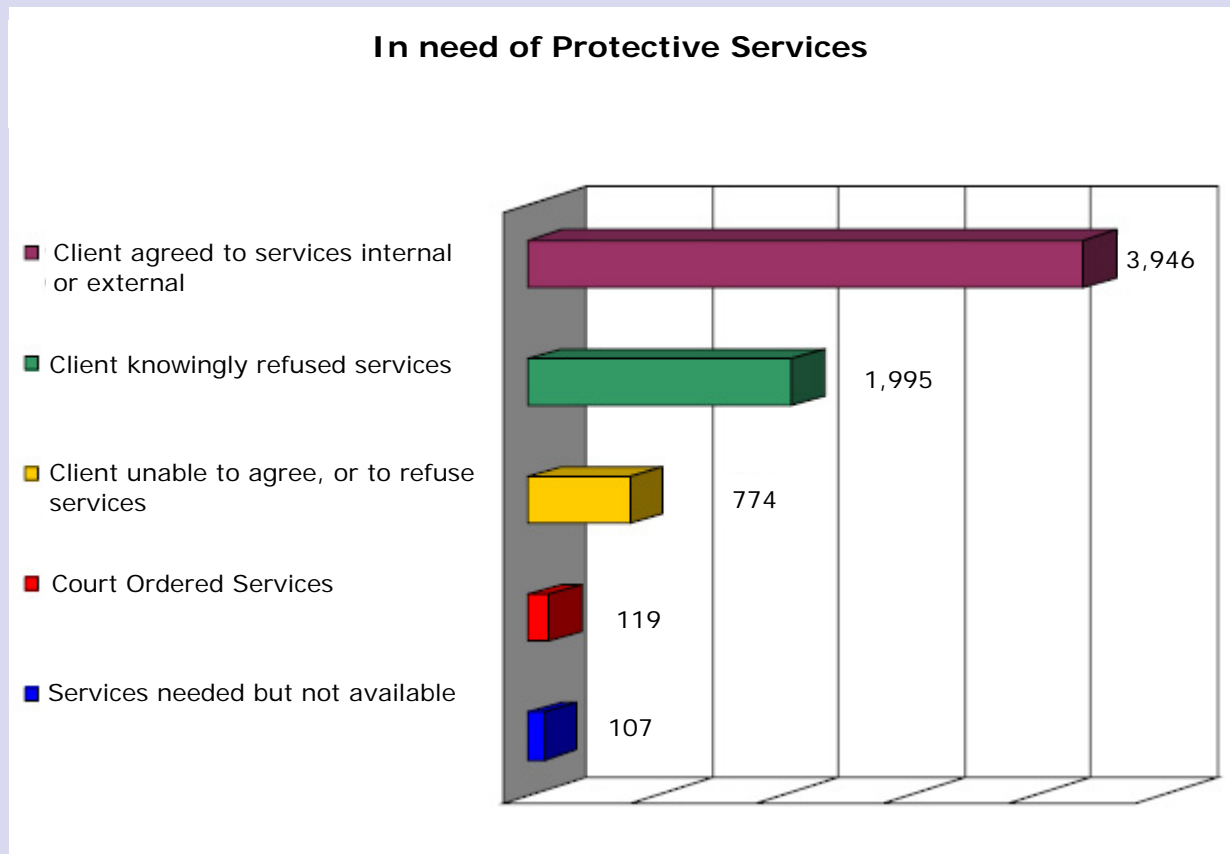
Types of Reports Received
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