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Rule 5101:2-20-14 Cross-referrals of adult maltreatment.

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The purpose of this rule is to outline when the county department of job and family services (CDJFS) is to cross-refer or notify other agencies of adult maltreatment when a referral is received involving specific populations.

(A) What is the CDJFS to do if the subject of a referral or an investigation is believed to have a developmental disability?

(1) The CDJFS is to refer the case to the local county board of developmental disabilities if the CDJFS knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the subject has a developmental disability as defined in section 5126.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) The CDJFS is to proceed with a case when a referral is received from the local county board of developmental disabilities in accordance with section 5126.31 of the Revised Code.

(B) What is the CDJFS to do if the subject of a referral or an investigation resides in a long-term care facility?

(1) The CDJFS is to refer the case to the state long-term care ombudsman program if the subject is a resident of a long-term care facility as defined in section 173.14 of the Revised Code.

(2) The CDJFS is to proceed with a case when a referral is received from a state or regional long-term care ombudsman program in accordance with section 173.20 of the Revised Code.

(C) What is the CDJFS to do if the subject of a referral or an investigation resides in a nursing home?

The CDJFS is to refer the case to the department of health if the subject is a resident of a nursing home as defined in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code, and has allegedly been abused, neglected, or exploited by an employee of the nursing home.

(D) What is the CDJFS to do if the subject of a referral or an investigation is a child?

The CDJFS is to refer the case to the public children services agency of that county if the subject is a child as defined in section 5153.01 of the Revised Code.

(E) What is the CDJFS to do if there is reasonable cause to believe the subject of a referral or investigation is being or has been criminally exploited?

The CDJFS is to notify a local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the area where the subject resides if there is reasonable cause to believe the subject is being

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or has been criminally exploited. Notifying local law enforcement is not grounds to screen out a referral where other concerns are likely to exist due to the exploitation of the adult.

(F) How is confidentiality applied to cross-referrals of adult maltreatment?

The provisions of rule 5101:2-20-05 of the Administrative Code regarding confidentiality apply to all cross-referrals of adult maltreatment.