



Notes:

- BDDS is the Bureau of Developmental Disability Services, which is a governmental office under the FSSA Family and Social Services Administration.
- The term “survivor” is used by advocates in the anti-violence field for two reasons: (1) the term empowers individuals by focusing on the individual’s resiliency rather than the victimization (2) using this term demonstrates to the survivor that we believe them. Utilizing this term counters current and historical cultural responses to sexual violence, such as the phenomenon known as “victim blame.”
- Adult Protective Services (APS) does not investigate these cases. Most service providers were unable to explain what follow-up looks like with APS.
- In the event that the perpetrator is a staff member, the facility suspends the staff member and begins an internal investigation. If the allegations are substantiated, the staff member is terminated.

Follow up/Support Plan:

1. Identify local emotional support services.
2. Encourage follow-up with counseling.
3. Educate on healthy relationships and prevention of sexual abuse as needed.
4. Provide education on self-advocacy.
5. Monitor individual for signs of depression, anxiety, trauma, etc. and make appropriate referrals.