

Mandated Reporting: Protecting Our Older Adults



DESCRIPTION

Mandated Reporting explores the many facets of the SC Department of Social Services Adult Advocacy/Adult Protective Services Division. It looks at the law and mandates that govern Mandated Reporting and how that relates to the philosophies and practices of APS. It also looks at the concept of “vulnerability” and how competency and capacity plays a role in determining it. Finally, It discuss the “can and cants” of APS and how that impacts service coordination.

OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of this course, the participant should be able to:

1. Identify and have a better understanding of the law that governs Mandated Reporting.
2. Understanding of the who, what, and why in reporting.
3. Understanding of how competency and capacity play in determining vulnerability and reporting.
4. Understanding of the difference between service based reports and reports of abuse neglect and exploitation.

FEE: \$10 Consortium Member \$20 Non-consortium Member

Deadline to register: 10/1/2025

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INSTRUCTOR

Russell Rich is the Director of Community Relations for Adult Advocacy and serves as a member of the Executive Management Team at the South Carolina Department of Social Services. Mr. Rich is also the Law Enforcement and Hospital Liaison for Adult Advocacy. Mr. Rich also serves on many community service and inter-agency boards around the state and is dedicated to improving communication and collaboration between agencies and community partners to improve service coordination and delivery for vulnerable adults in the State of South Carolina. He holds a Master’s Degree in Mental Health Counseling from Webster University, a Bachelors in Psychology from Columbia International University, and an Associates in Public Service from Midlands Technical Collage. Mr. Rich has more than 30 years’ experience in the Human Services Field, working in a verity of areas with diverse clients. Mr. Rich has served as the Assistant Director for Crosswell Children’s Home, the Clinical Director for Epworth Children’s Home, and the Administrator for New Directions Therapeutic Transitional Living Program in Huntsville, Alabama. Mr. Rich has been married to his wife Mandy for 20 years and they have three children and a granddaughter. Mr. Rich’s philosophy is that we should always leave people better than when you found them.

**Thursday,
October 2, 2025
10:00 am — 12:00 pm**

In-person: Mcleod Medical Park West
101 S. Ravenel St. Florence, SC 29501

Suite 350

OR:

Webinar via Webex

CREDIT

AHEC: This program is approved for 0.2 CEU's (2.0 clock hours) by Pee Dee AHEC and meets SC AHEC Best Practice standards. Participants must attend 90% of the program and complete an evaluation in order to receive a certificate of attendance. No partial credit will be given.

Counselors and Therapists: This program is approved for 2.0 hours of continuing education credit. The South Carolina AHEC system is recognized as a permanent sponsor of continuing education by the South Carolina Board of Examiners of Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists. {Provider number is #65}

Social Workers: Pee Dee AHEC, as part of the SC AHEC System, is an approved provider of CE for social workers. This social work program is approved for 2.0 hours of non social work credit hours.

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