

# MANDATED REPORTING: Protecting Our Older Adults

Thursday, April 23, 2026  
10:00am - 12:00pm

McLeod Medical Park West  
AHEC Conference Room, Suite 350  
101 S. Ravenel St. Florence, SC 29506



### 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

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

### FEES

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

### CREDITS

Counselor/Therapist 2.0  
Social Worker 2.0 non-social Work  
AHEC 0.2 CEU's

### INSTRUCTOR

Russell Rich is the Director of Community Relations for Adult Advocacy and servers 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 interagency 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.

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