

A Brighter Choice: Behavior Support Services

The following topics of abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation, punishment, restraint, and seclusion rights will be discussed on a regular basis with the participant. Annually, participant and/or guardian will formally sign off, acknowledging that education and monitoring of these topics are part of a larger and ongoing conversation that occurs regularly. These conversations may occur as part of behavioral programming, part of natural/incidental teaching opportunities, and/or explicitly to ensure understanding. All effort will be made to modify instruction through use of picture symbols or other visual supports, social stories, video modeling, etc. to ensure material is presented in a manner congruent with the participants learning style and abilities.

Participant Education

Review of Rights, Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation, Isolation and Punishment

Participants receiving Kentucky Medicaid waiver services are entitled to certain rights that they should be frequently educated on identifying and responding to, in the form of reporting to appropriate authorities. A Brighter Choice contractors recognize their role in educating participants on their rights and how to advocate for their wants and needs while remaining free from abuse, neglect, isolation, exploitation, and punishment in a manner consistent with their ability to communicate.

1. **Abuse** is improper treatment or use of an individual, often to gain control or power. ~~Abuse can be physical, mental, emotional, and can include one, many, or none of the~~ following: injury, assault, rape, unjust practices, and crimes. If you feel you have been or are being abused, you have the right to report it.
2. **Neglect** is when the person or entity who is supposed to care for you fails to do so. This may mean they don't take you to the doctor when you are sick, they don't keep you housed, fed, and clothed. Anytime necessary care is withheld it is considered neglect.
3. **Exploitation** is treating someone unfairly with intention of benefiting from their work. Exploitation occurs when someone tries to make use of or benefits from your resources.
4. **Isolation** is being alone and/or kept away from persons, items, and/or places. Isolation can happen if your are excluded (left out) from a preferred activity or setting.
5. **Punishment** happens when a person or entity imposes a consequence for an offense (action). It is meant to cause suffering to the individual. Punishment is not permissible in the waiver program.

The participant and contractor have reviewed these topics explicitly on the date signed below and continue to discuss these important topics on a regular basis.

Participant/Guardian

Contractor

Date