**Key Indicators for Family Violence** – prepared by the 14th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council

The 14th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council provides this information to assist professionals in the early identification of incidents of family violence. This information serves as a guideline only. It is important to remember that these are only some of the potential indicators of family violence. It is our hope that through early identification and appropriate referral services, family violence will be reduced.

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| **Child Abuse** | **Child/Adolescent Sexual Abuse** | **Adult Sexual Abuse** | **Intimate Partner Abuse** | **Elder Abuse/Abuse against Persons with Disabilities** |
| Unexplained injuries or inconsistent with explanations given | Injuries/trauma to genital and/or anal areas or other signs of physical abuse | Injuries/trauma to genital areas | Unexplained injuries or inconsistent with explanation given | Unexplained injuries or inconsistent with explanation given |
| Delay between an injury and seeking medical attention | Excessive sensitivity to contact, bathing, undressing, being seen nude | Increased startle reaction, excessive sensitivity to contact | Delay between an injury and seeking medical attention | Delay between an injury and seeking medical attention |
| Bilateral or multiple injuries, especially if in different stages of healing | Sexually Transmitted Diseases | Physical abuse including self-mutilation or inflicted by others | Bilateral or multiple injuries, especially if in different stages of healing | Bilateral or multiple injuries, especially if in different stages of healing |
| Self-mutilation | Self-mutilation | Self-mutilation | Presence of partner who controls or dominates the interview and will not leave the patient alone with the provider | Presence of partner or caregiver who controls or dominates the interview and will not leave the patient alone with the provider |
| Sleep Disorders | Regressive behavior such as inappropriate soiling or urinating on clothing or bedding | Sleep disorders including nightmares | Physical injury during pregnancy, especially on the breasts and abdomen | Isolation from friends and family |
| Eating disorders (anorexia, bulimia and/or compulsive eating) | Eating disorders (anorexia, bulimia, and/or compulsive eating) | Eating disorders (anorexia, bulimia, and/or compulsive eating) | Repeat vaginal and urinary tract infections | Intimidation by abuser, victim hesitant to speak openly/signs of fear of caregiver or partner |
| Scared all the time | Suicidal thoughts/attempts | Suicidal thoughts/attempts | High number of pregnancies, miscarriages, and abortions | Evidence of being restricted by caregiver or partner |
| Bullying | Depression, low self-esteem, guilt, shame, academic decline | Depression | Obsessive/hyper-vigilant focus on partner | Inappropriate control of financial resources by caregiver |
| Aggressive or disruptive behavior | Anxiety, obsessive thoughts, fears, and worries | Anxiety, obsessive and intrusive thoughts, difficulty concentrating | Defensiveness or anger when asked about the relationship | Dehydration and malnourishment |
| Passive or withdrawn behavior | Poor self image, as shown in choice of clothing, overall appearance, cleanliness | Poor self image, low self-esteem, self blaming | Signs of fear of partner | Soiled clothing often with feces/urine |
| Frequently switching providers | Runaway, drug/alcohol abuse | Drug and alcohol abuse | Frequently switching providers | Untreated bedsores |
|  | Pattern of victimization | Pattern of victimization |  | Inadequate medical care |
|  | Frequently switching providers | Frequently switching providers |  | Frequently switching providers |

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**24-Hour Response Resources** – The resources listed below are available 24 hours a day and are only a few of the many resources that are available to persons that have been abused. **In all cases of violence, you should always call your local police department or sheriff’s office – 911.**

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| **Child Abuse** | **Child/Adolescent Sexual Abuse** | **Adult Sexual Abuse** | **Intimate Partner Abuse** | **Elder Abuse/Abuse against Persons with Disabilities** |
| **Call your local Police Dept.**  **DCFS**  800-25-ABUSE  (800) 252-2873   * Provides the following services: investigate and service child abuse and neglect cases, emergency services for abuse/neglect, adoption, daycare licensing, foster care licensing, counseling | **Call your local Police Dept.**  **DCFS**  800-25-ABUSE  (800) 252-2873   * Provides the following services: investigate and service child abuse and neglect cases, emergency services for abuse/neglect, adoption, daycare licensing, foster care licensing, counseling | **Call your local Police Dept.**  **RAINN National Rape Crisis Hotline**  800-656-HOPE  (800) 656-4673   * Provides 24-hour crisis intervention and information and referral services over the phone to victims of rape of all ages. | **Call your local Police Dept.**  **National Domestic Violence Hotline**  800-799-SAFE  (800) 799-7233   * Provides 24-hour crisis intervention, safety planning, and information and referral over the phone. | **Call your local Police Department**  **IL Dept. on Aging 24-hour Adult Protective Services Hotline**  (866) 800-1409   * 24-hour hotline authorized to receive reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of seniors and adults with disabilities. Once a report has been received, the Hotline will notify the appropriate IDOA contracted agency |

**Local Response Resources –** The resources listed below are local resources that are Countywide. Most of these resources have after hour’s services and their own hotline numbers. **In all cases of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and family violence of any kind, you should always contact your local Police or Sheriff’s Department.**

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| **County** | **Child Abuse** | **Child/Adolescent Sexual Abuse** | **Adult Sexual Abuse** | **Intimate Partner Abuse** | **Elder Abuse/Abuse against Persons with Disabilities** |
| **Henry** | **DCFS**  800-25-ABUSE  **Braveheart Children’s Advocacy Center**  309-937-5663 | **DCFS**  800-25-ABUSE  **Braveheart Children’s Advocacy Center**  309-937-5663 | **Freedom House**  309-852-4008 | **Freedom House**  309-852-4008 | **APS Hotline**  866-800-1409  **Alternatives**  800-798-0988  **Center for Independent Living**  309-793-0090 |
| **Mercer** | **DCFS**  800-25-ABUSE  **Mercer Co. Children’s Advocacy Center**  309-582-7233 | **DCFS**  800-25-ABUSE  **Mercer Co. Children’s Advocacy Center**  309-582-7233 | **Family Crisis Center**  309-582-7233 | **Family Crisis Center**  309-582-7233 | **APS Hotline**  866-800-1409  **Alternatives**  800-798-0988  **Center for Independent Living**  309-793-0090 |
| **Rock Island** | **DCFS**  800-25-ABUSE  **Rock Island Co. Children’s Advocacy Center**  309-794-6451 | **DCFS**  800-25-ABUSE  **Rock Island Co. Children’s Advocacy Center**  309-794-6451 | **Family Resources, Inc.**  ***Safe*Path**  309-797-1777 | **Family Resources, Inc.**  ***Safe*Path**  309-797-1777  **Winnie’s Place**  309-764-9466 | **APS Hotline**  866-800-1409  **Alternatives**  800-798-0988  **Center for Independent Living**  309-793-0090 |
| **Whiteside** | **DCFS**  800-25-ABUSE  **April House Children’s Advocacy Center**  815-772-8663 | **DCFS**  800-25-ABUSE  **April House Children’s Advocacy Center**  815-772-8663 | **YWCA of the Sauk Valley**  815-625-0333 | **YWCA of the Sauk Valley**  815-625-0333 | **APS Hotline**  866-800-1409  **Lutheran Social Services**  815-626-7333  **Center for Independent Living**  815-625-7860 |