

Elder Abuse Forensic Center Guest Policy

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WIC 15754. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law governing the disclosure of information and records, persons who are trained and qualified to serve on multidisciplinary personnel teams may disclose to one another information and records which are relevant to the prevention, identification, or treatment of abuse of elderly or dependent persons. (b) Except as provided in subdivision (a), any personnel of the multidisciplinary team that receives information pursuant to this chapter, shall be under the same obligations and subject to the same confidentiality penalties as the person disclosing or providing that information. The information obtained shall be maintained in a manner that ensures the maximum protection of privacy and confidentiality rights.

All guests shall read the above statement and sign a form acknowledging they understand the statement at the start of all interdisciplinary team meetings. (Confidentiality Statement, Appendix F)

A member of the Forensic Center team may invite any **guest relevant to an individual case** to attend and participate in a Forensic Center case consultation meeting. This person (the host) is responsible for assisting their guest in and out of the meeting as well as in and out of the Forensic Center. The host is responsible for contacting their guest regarding meeting times and informing the Forensic Center Coordinator of the guest's attendance. Unless prior arrangements have been made, the guest may only stay for the discussion pertaining to the specific case in which they are involved.

People who want to learn about the Forensic Center (e.g. **students and visiting professionals**) and who are from disciplines relevant to the field of elder abuse may attend case meetings if approved by the Forensic Center coordinator. If the coordinator is uncertain about the appropriateness of a guest, she will consult with the Director/Co-Director of the center to make a determination. There must be a defined, relevant purpose for the guest's attendance at the meeting. The names and affiliations of all such guests shall be given to the coordinator at least one week prior to the meeting they plan on attending, and the coordinator will contact the necessary parties to determine whether or not the visit will fall under the specifications described above. The host who issued the invitation is responsible for contacting their guest regarding meeting times and informing the Forensic Center Coordinator of the guest's attendance.