



# REPORT FRAUD, ABUSE, OR MISCONDUCT

**The Disabilities Board of Charleston County is committed to preventing and responding to employee misconduct, including abuse, neglect, exploitation, misuse of Agency resources, and fraud.**

Employees are reminded that under state law all Agency employees are legally required to make a direct report of suspected abuse, neglect and exploitation **to the appropriate legal authority**. Reports of abuse in residential settings should be made to SLED (866-200-6066) and may be anonymous. Reports of abuse in Agency day program settings should be made to DSS Adult Protective Services at (843) 953-9400.

Persons reporting Medicaid fraud are protected from retaliation by the Agency under federal and state whistleblower protection laws.

The Agency operates a toll-free reporting line that goes to a voice mail box. The phone line can be used to report **to Agency administration** any suspected Agency employee misconduct. Reports might involve **improper** behavior toward an individual supported by the agency, theft or misuse of agency resources, fraud, or other misconduct. Employees are always encouraged to personally report misconduct to the appropriate supervisor. However, if an employee is hesitant to follow established chain of command reporting for any reason, the recorded line can be used. **Call 1-888-601-3222 to make a report.** The voice mail is checked daily Monday through Friday.

**A report to the Agency's reporting line does not reduce the legal obligation to report abuse, neglect or exploitation to the proper authorities.**