

## Have you heard about Protective Services?



If you have been abused, neglected, or taken advantage of financially by a caregiver, the Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS) Protective Services Specialists can help.



**Have you heard about Belle?** She is a 90 year-old widow. Before her husband died, the two of them lived a simple life, raising three children and saving for old age. Now, Belle doesn't get out much anymore, and she has few visitors. Her grandson, Toby, lives with her some of the time. Belle's sight is declining and she depends heavily on Toby to care for her. He helps pay her bills and assists with household chores. Toby even quit his job so he can be available full-time. This makes Belle happy. She insists on paying him \$1000 a month because she feels he should be paid for his services.

Belle understands that Toby's help allows her to stay in the house that she and her husband built together and where they raised their family. Everything seems perfect. Toby pays the bills, cooks the meals, and even spends quality time with Belle.

However, Toby has a new girlfriend, Linda, in his life. Since Linda came along, things have begun to unravel. Linda is jealous of the time Toby spends with Belle. Toby is stressed all the time. He speaks harshly to Belle, especially when her needs interfere with his time with Linda. Linda has moved in and insists that Belle stay in her room. Recently, Belle found a past due notice on her home. She was shocked to find out that Toby and Linda have spent all of her savings, and Toby has not paid the house note for more than nine months.

Now Belle faces losing her home and has no idea how she will survive. She calls the Protective Services hotline at **1.800.898.4910**. A Specialist is on the way to provide assistance to Belle. She doesn't have to live this way. She deserves a better life, and Protective Services can help.

***Your waiver. Your choice. Your life.** Ask your support coordinator how to build a plan of care as unique as you are! Your support coordinator's name is \_\_\_\_\_.  
His/her phone number is \_\_\_\_\_.*