



**State of Florida
Department of Children and Families**

Ron DeSantis
Governor

Taylor N. Hatch
Secretary

July 15, 2025

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
PL 05, The Capitol
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

The Honorable Ben Albritton
President of the Florida Senate
409 The Capitol
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

The Honorable Daniel Perez
Speaker of The Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300

Dear Governor DeSantis, President Albritton, and Speaker Perez:

Pursuant to section 415.111(5)(a), Florida Statutes, the Department of Children and Families, Adult Protective Services program shall report annually to the Legislature the number of false reports of adult abuse, neglect or exploitation referred to law enforcement.

The Department respectfully submits this letter as the annual report. In fiscal year 2024-2025, the Department did not determine any report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult was false; thus, no false report referrals were made to law enforcement in the prior fiscal year.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Clark N. Gates, Statewide Director, Adult Protective Services, at Clark.Gates@myflfamilies.com or (850) 488-2881.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Taylor N. Hatch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Taylor" and last name "Hatch" clearly distinguishable.

Taylor N. Hatch
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Mission: Work in Partnership with Local Communities to Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Strong and Economically Self-Sufficient Families, and Advance Personal and Family Recovery and Resiliency