## Algoma Health Unit – PARENT CHILD SERVICES PROGRAM MANUAL

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Woman Abuse - Routine

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Screening (RUCS Protocol)

## **POLICY:**

Parent Child Services Staff, who provide health examinations and intake or family assessments, will implement RUCS Screening in their practice for all women over 12 years of age.

## **PROCEDURES**:

Parent Child Services Staff

- Uses the RUCS Flow Chart (Abuse/RUCS file in mobile storage unit and PCIC drawer).and Abuse Screening Checklist as a guide to the screening process (Assessment & Screens forms section of mobile unit & PCIC drawer).
- 2) Conducts Screening face-to-face and ensure privacy (no friends or relatives present).
- Advises the Client that screening for abuse is now a routine component of the assessment process and that all women over 12 years of age are asked about abuse.
- 4) Provides client education about the nature, prevalence, health effects and other consequences of woman abuse.
- 5) Observes for indicators of abuse (RUCS brochure in Abuse/RUCS file mobile unit and PCIC drawer Be prepared to discuss observations with the woman.
- 6) Assesses the safety of the women that discloses abuse (Task Force Report on Woman Abuse Chapter 7 and Woman Abuse binder 2004 on bookshelf in Nursing area).
- 7) Refers to appropriate professionals or services. Provide a tearoff sheet listing community resources to all women who disclose, and all women with indicators who do not disclose abuse.(Abuse/RUCS file in mobile storage unit)

NOTE: If abuse of a female Client UNDER THE AGE OF 16 is disclosed, report disclosure to the Children's Aid Society. (Child Abuse Protocol between the Children's Aid Society of Algoma and the Algoma Health Unit).

8) Documents interaction (Refer to Policy & Procedure – Woman Abuse – Documentation).