

**Ethical Decision Making Worksheet**  
**With the Modified Congress, (2000) ETHIC Model**  
*Adults at Risk*

Heidi works as an adult protective services worker in a small rural county, her duties also include liaison for individuals who are served under the Family Care Program. She had been involved in the process of guardianship for Sheryl, a 46-year old woman who has both a mental illness and psychiatric difficulties. Heidi receives a call from Sheryl who is complaining that she is being abused in the new group home where she is placed. Heidi has investigated several complaints by Sheryl of abuse in the past, each unsubstantiated, but stemmed from a desire for attention by Sheryl. Heidi makes a home visit to Sheryl who reports sexual contact with an employee of the home. The manager of the group home describes the worker as an exemplary, caring employee.

<b>DO (Describe Opposing Values/Priorities/Standards)</b>	
<b>E (Examine Values)</b>	
<b>T (Think about ethical standards)</b>	
<b>H (Hypothesize different courses of action)</b>	
<b>I (Identify who would be harmed and helped)</b>	
<b>C (Consult with supervisor or colleagues)</b>	