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Pennsylvania Adult Protective Services Staff $375
NAPSA Member (Early Discount)* $400
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101 - Government That Works  
Theresa Osborne, PA Department of Aging  
Robin Wiesmann, PA Department of Banking and Securities  
Christina Kotsalos, PA Department of Banking and Securities  
Denise Getgen, PA Department of Aging  
Don Blandin, Investor Protection Trust  

This session focuses on how the PA Department of Aging and PA Department of Banking and Securities are joining forces to combat elder financial exploitation by educating financial, legal and medical professionals on how to identify the red flags of fraud and abuse. The session will feature welcoming remarks from Secretary of Aging Teresa Osborne, and overview of the Department on Aging goals along with information regarding financial abuse prevention. Secretary Robin Weissmann will provide a background on the Department of Banking and Securities. Speakers will talk about the state plan for these issues and how the Department of Aging and Department of Banking & Securities work together. The EIFFE and SeniorSafe trainings will also be highlighted.

102 - Supported Decision Making  
Darcy Elks, MA, Consultant  

Just like everyone else, the people we serve have to make many decisions about their lives, their relationships, their financial situations, their health, their employment and their spirituality. Our role is to support people to make the best decisions based on good information and balancing all the (sometimes) competing considerations such as safety versus autonomy, self-determination versus exploitation. This workshop will cover many of the important considerations we need to be aware of if we are to provide the best possible support for people making important decisions. This may mean not being involved at all to trying to influence a decision as constructively as possible.  

Topics to be covered include: 1. What is supported decision making? 2. Why is supported decision making so important for the people we serve? 3. What potential roles may we play in supporting people to make informed decisions? 5. Potential dilemmas in our support of decision making.

103 - Trafficking of At-Risk Adults  
Pat S. King, RN, GA Division of Aging Services  
Heather Strickland, GA Bureau of Investigation  

There are many names used to describe an emerging criminal activity, namely predators targeting adults with physical and intellectual disabilities, chronic and persistent mental illness and older adults for the sole purpose of gaining access to the adults' monthly checks and perpetrating other types of theft and fraud. Some of the names used include unlicensed care homes, hybrid human trafficking, racketeering enterprises, false imprisonment, neglect and exploitation of older adults and adults with disabilities, and preying on at-risk adults for monthly benefits. The funds most often targeted are Social Security, Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (food stamps) and Veterans' Benefits. While residents live in squalor and suffer horrific abuse, neglect & exploitation (financial, sexual, forced labor, etc.), owners/operators drive luxury vehicles, take vacations, play the lottery – all on funds belonging to the residents. This presentation will present an overview of this emerging crime trend and the efforts GA is taking to further the identification of the offenders, address the needs of the victims and build strong cases for the prosecution.

104 - Undoing Undue Influence: A Screening Tool for APS Practitioners  
Mary Joy Quinn, R.N., M.A., M.F.T., Director (ret.) Probate, San Francisco Superior Court  

Using unfair tactics or undue influence to get vulnerable people to do things they wouldn't otherwise do is a familiar scenario to those in the field of elder abuse. This workshop describes a 2015-16 project that developed an undue influence screening tool for APS line personnel with the assistance of APS personnel and experts in the field of elder abuse and which is applicable to other professions and community practitioners. The screening tool is an outgrowth of a 2010 project (www.courts.ca.gov/documents/UndueInfluence.pdf) which explored the subject of undue influence from several perspectives and was instrumental in the change of the definition of undue influence in California law. Participants will have the opportunity to complete the screening tool using a case study.

105 - Utilizing a Standard Form for APS to Request Financial Records  
Joseph Snyder, Philadelphia Corporation for Aging  

The Philadelphia Corporation for Aging and NAPSA, through a grant from the Huguette Clark Family Fund for Protection of Elders, developed a standard records request form for APS to use throughout the country. We have revised the form based on input from around the country from APS programs and the American Bankers Association. We have also developed an introductory letter for APS to send to local banks, and a letter you can use when a bank refuses to release records. The forms will be presented and discussed at the workshop. The history of the project as well as the history of working with financial institutions will be featured.

106 - The Role of Race, Ethnicity & Place in Assessing Risk: Bridging the Gap from Research to Policy & Practice (Part 1)  
Jacque Gray, PhD, University of North Dakota  
Meies Matz, MPH, Oregon Office of Adult Abuse Prevention & Investigations  
Scott Beach, PhD, University of Pittsburgh  
Sharon Baggett, PhD, University of Indianapolis-Center for Aging and Community  

In the U.S., roughly one third of all adults with disabilities are between the ages of 45–64 years, meaning there are intersects between the aged and disabled in the challenges they face, such as higher rates of poverty, social isolation, and other social determinants that can make it more difficult for them to access services (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013). These challenges are further compounded by sociocultural differences, and as we gain a better understanding that “age cohort alone” (Martin, et al., 2014) is an inadequate indicator of quality of life, and that our aggregate statistics obscure the real time needs of diverse populations, we are finding that current practice may inadvertently undermine future reporting or mitigate the effectiveness of APS interventions. Increasingly, many APS programs and their partners are changing this paradigm by collaborating across systems, programs, and researcher in analyzing literature and data in order to create culturally responsive intervention and assistance to their disabled and/or minority populations served. Session I: Panel of experts will discuss their research regarding working with diverse populations and effective ways that research can support program practice that both increase safety and respect cultural/ethnic needs of the families served. Session II: Dis-
ccussion of effective ways to penetrate vulnerable populations, and how abuse exposure across the lifespan, ability status, race, ethnicity and place can effect victim’s attitude and actions towards acknowledging and addressing abuse.

107 - Senior Crime Prevention University: Scams and Frauds 101/ Adult Bullying 101 (Part 1)
Agent Janene Holter, PA Office of Attorney General
These programs are geared toward educating older Pennsylvanians and their families throughout the Commonwealth on crime prevention, the threat of fraud as well as the growing problem of adult bullying. Our goal is to make Pennsylvania’s adult population aware of these concerns, define these issues, and provide them with resources and to teach them how to avoid becoming a victim. These presentations will give the audience the tools necessary to make informed decisions in order to better protect their families from these devastating issues. Topics that will be covered regarding scams and frauds: Charities, lotteries, estate planning, home improvements, checks & money orders, power of attorney issues, and financial institutions. Topics that will be covered in Adult Bullying 101: defining bullying, explain types of bullying, examples of bullying issues, why bullying may be happening, ways to stop and report bullying. These programs are offered throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania free of charge to anyone who requests a presenter.

108 - Personal Safety on the Job (Part 1)
Dan Elliot, Dan Elliot LLC
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WORKSHOP SESSIONS 2
MONDAY AUGUST 29, 2016 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

201 - Mobile Apps for the Community and Law Enforcement to Assist Vulnerable Adults
David Cardell, EyeOn App LLC
Sharee Rines, Georgia APS
Details and discussion around mobile apps that the state of Georgia has deployed to the community and Law Enforcement. It will focus on what tools have been provided to Law Enforcement in the form of a mobile app to better help them identify and assist victims of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or cognitive decline. We will dive into the functionality of the app, discuss how the app is being distributed, and feedback from Law Enforcement. There will also be an opportunity to discuss what changes or customization would be needed for other states.

202 - Scams and Fraud Targeting Senior Citizens and the Role of Law Enforcement
Adam Reed, Pennsylvania State Police
The latest scams and fraud that target seniors will be discussed. Law enforcement has many roles dealing with these crimes, including detection, investigation, and prevention. Each of these roles will be discussed further in order to provide the law enforcement point of view on the issue.

203 - Collaborating and Training Across the Spectrum
Jennifer Edwards-Hawkins, Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DPPC)
Anne Monti, Building Partnerships Initiative (BPI)
This workshop introduces and demonstrates the numerous training products and curricula used by Massachusetts Disabled Persons Protection Commission to cross train professionals and persons with disabilities on effectively recognizing, reporting and responding to abuse. Workshop includes participation in various interactive and enlightening activities designed to assist learning. Through examination and discussion of these training materials, participants will acquire the necessary understanding to create their own materials. Materials shown will be available to participants.

204 - Professional Communication Y'all
Steve Field
The NAPSA Profession Communication module is only one of 23 Core Training Modules Available through NAPSA/MASTER. In this workshop we will explore portions of this 7 hour in-class training with you. In this fun and interactive workshop participants will learn the value of "Professional Communication Y'all" and how APS Training of all kind can be and should be an interactive experience. Two experienced APS trainers from different states will demonstrate the adaptability and availability of this workshop on APS "Professional Communication" for your state, and show you how you can access this and the other 22 APS Core Competency Training Modules; a wealth of information and training material, for Free. This workshop will be short on lecture and long on discussion, demonstration and interactive exercises. In doing so participants will participate in the demonstration of some basic interviewing skills, question typologies, and special considerations when interviewing victims with various types of limitations and at the same time if you are looking for a way to effectively provide quality training for your APS staff and not have to create it yourself, you will learn how to access this training and more for free.

205 - Elder Justice Reform Efforts in Pennsylvania
Cherstin Hamel, Office of Elder Justice in the Courts
Judge Paula Francisco Ott, Superior Court of Pennsylvania
Zygmont A. Pines, Esq.
Secretary of Aging Teresa Osborne, PA Dept. of Aging
This workshop will highlight elder justice reform efforts in Pennsylvania, with a particular focus on the steps the state is taking to help recognize, report and respond to elder abuse in its various forms (e.g., physical, psychological, financial).

206 - State Securities Regulators: Initiatives to Combat Elder Financial Abuse
Judith Shaw, Administrator, Maine Securities Administrator and NASAA President, Maine Office of Securities
Joseph Brady, Executive Director, North American Securities Admin-
This workshop will cover the investor protection functions carried out by state securities regulators, the closest regulators to the investing public, throughout the United States, with an emphasis on senior investor protection. The workshop will provide attendees with an understanding of the resources state securities regulators can provide to Adult Protective Services agencies to help protect seniors and vulnerable adults from financial abuse. The workshop will also outline NASAA’s initiatives, including its model act to protect seniors and vulnerable adults from financial exploitation, best practices for the financial industry when working with senior clients, and outreach efforts. These efforts include the Serve Our Seniors website, a clearinghouse of resources for caregivers, regulators and investors, and SeniorSAFE, an innovative training for broker-dealers and investment advisers based on the successful SeniorSAFE program for credit union and bank tellers developed by the Maine Council on Elder Abuse Prevention.

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WORKSHOP SESSIONS 3
TUESDAY AUGUST 30, 2016 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

301 - Are We Ready for Trauma-Informed Care in APS?
Colleen Beach, Monmouth University

The recent draft of the ACL’s Voluntary Consensus Guidelines for APS included a reference to integration of trauma-informed approaches into a multi-disciplinary system that serves older adults and adults with disabilities (Draft Voluntary Consensus Guidelines for State Adult Protective Services Systems, 2015). Many of us are now seeking more information about what trauma-informed care is and what this approach may mean in the context of APS. This workshop will offer an introduction to what it is all about, and offer some resources and preliminary steps to evaluate if your system is ready to become trauma-informed.

302 - Critical factors in addressing elder abuse in Asian American and Pacific Islander communities
Eun Jeong Lee, National Asian Pacific Center on Aging
Ga-Young Choi, University of Northern Iowa, Department of Social Work
Eun Koh, The Catholic University of America, National Catholic School of Social Service

This session highlights challenges for both aging professionals and American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) elders when addressing elder abuse. The workshop will begin with exploring common myths and realities of elder abuse in AAPI communities, including social and cultural values and differences from other minority groups. The workshop will also present pilot research findings regarding elder mistreatment among immigrant AAPI elders with limited English proficiency who reside in low-income households. The research participants were recruited from National Asian Pacific Center on Aging...
The pilot study focused on their experiences, perceptions, and help-seeking behaviors of elder abuse. Particularly, the presentation will highlight the findings on study participants’ knowledge and perception of Adult Protective Service (APS). Based on these findings, presenters will identify critical factors that aging service providers need to consider in order to prevent and address elder abuse, and make suggestions for the effective use of APS in AAPI communities that will help to provide competent and linguistically appropriate services. The workshop attendees will be invited to share their experiences in serving AAPI and/or other minority elders and discuss how aging service providers can build a foundation to prevent and address elder abuse in AAPI communities.

Michael Roberts, Texas Department of Family & Protective Services
Kezeli A. Wold, Texas Department of Family & Protective Services
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) allow states to apply for waivers in order to provide long term services and supports (LTSS) in a home or community setting instead of an institutional setting. States must assure CMS that necessary safeguards are taken to protect the health and welfare of individuals receiving HCBS. This workshop will highlight the work Texas APS has completed to prevent, identify, report, investigate, and remediate critical incidents that occur within the delivery of long-term services and supports as well as to track and trend results in order to make system improvements.

304 - Validity and Reliability: Important Elements of Any APS Assessment Tool
Julie Davis, National Council on Crime and Delinquency
Susan Gramling, National Council on Crime and Delinquency
Assessment tools must be evaluated against certain criteria to ensure they function appropriately and that decision makers are likely to “get it right.” Validity and reliability are two of the most important criteria. Validity refers to how well the assessment measures what it intends to measure. Reliability indicates how often different people using the same information and the same assessment tool come up with the same answer. This presentation will provide participants with examples of research methodologies that determine validity and reliability of assessments used in the Structured Decision Making® model. These examples include risk fit studies, the value and use of inter-rater reliability (IRR) tests, and process evaluation methods. The presentation will demonstrate how jurisdictions using site-specific research methodologies can verify that their tools are measuring what they should. In addition, the presentation will demonstrate how IRR leads to increased consistency of practice. Data resulting from these methods can inform leaders about tool functionality and opportunities for system and practice improvement.

305 - Identifying Drug Diversion and How it Impacts Vulnerable Adults
Lori Knockstead, Institute on Protective Services at Temple University Harrisburg
Theft of prescription medications is a growing problem. Drug diversion in care facilities is prevalent and too often not identified. Vulnerable adults that depend on caregivers for medication administration are placed at risk when their medications are diverted. This session will provide an overview of the concept and prevalence of drug diversion. A review of the typical ways drugs are misused and diverted will be explored. Investigative steps and actions for protective service investigators will be examined. Roles of responding agencies and law enforcement will be discussed.
brings a different perspective and different information to the case investigation. Strategies to employ when interviewing alleged perpetrators and victims, preserving and collecting evidence and making a case for prosecution in the criminal justice system will be reviewed.

308 - APS Standards of Nursing Practice
Janine Brady, San Diego County APS
The National Coalition of APS Nurses has been working for the past year on developing the Standards of Practice for APS Nurses. The document is in the final draft stages and available for input from APS nurses, APS social workers and supervisors, public health departments and IHSS supervisors. This is a workgroup to gather information and ideas from participants.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS 4
TUESDAY AUGUST 30, 2016 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

401 - Safeguarding the Dementia Journey (Part 1)
Krista McKay, Alzheimer's Association
Safeguarding the Dementia Journey takes a look at the epidemic of Alzheimer’s in the community, its impact on the individual, family and society, and addresses specifically the concerns most connected to this vulnerable population: Aging safely in the home, understanding and addressing wandering and other behaviors, protecting the emotional, financial and physical health of both the person with dementia and his/her caregiver.

402 - Clinical Aspects of Supervising APS Practice
Holly Ramsey-Klawsnik, Ph.D., NAPSA
Supervisors face multiple challenges in helping to insure the smooth operation of their APS program and that clients are effectively served. This session will address the clinical aspects of APS supervision, specifically, (1) guiding workers as they gather, analyze, and apply information regarding client safety and functioning in order to conduct thorough investigations, and (2) overseeing the development and implementation of effective intervention plans for clients deemed at-risk. We will address evaluating worker capabilities and mentoring tips to facilitate worker development along with supervisory tools and techniques. Suggestions will be provided for helping workers to avoid either under- or over-using supervision. Supervisors are encouraged to bring issues to the session that they would like to discuss.

403 - Collaborative Response to Violence Against Women in Later Life
Natalie Novotny-Goles, PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency
Mr. Sam Bellich, Chief Executive Officer of the Mercer County, Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging
Ms. Lizette Olsen, Executive Director of AW/ARE, Inc. – Mercer County Pennsylvania’s dual Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Agency
Mr. Chuck Danfield, Supervisor of Older Adult Protective Services in Bucks County, Pennsylvania
Ms. Sandy Carvin, Victim Advocate for Senior Victims of Crime at the Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) in Bucks County Pennsylvania
The general view of society is that domestic violence and sexual assault are crimes that occur primarily among the young. Professionals working in the victim advocacy, protective service and allied stakeholder fields know that interpersonal violence occurs across the lifespan. As the demographic makeup of our population shifts to include increasing numbers of individuals over the age of 60, it is critical that communities come together to address domestic and sexual violence crimes committed against and among the elder population. Pennsylvania is the fourth "oldest" state in the nation. This panel discussion will feature insights and lessons learned by several Pennsylvania counties who formed collaborative teams between victim services, aging services and the criminal justice system to address the needs of elder victims of domestic and sexual violence.

404 - APS Fatalities & Near Fatalities-The Washington State Quality Assurance Approach
Carol Sloan, B.A., State of Washington-Department of Social & Health Services-Aging & Long Term Services Administration
Shawn Matthews, B.A., State of Washington-Department of Social & Health Services-Aging & Long Term Services Administration
This workshop will provide information regarding Washington state's experience with the APS Fatality Review process beginning in 2010 with the incorporation of RCW 74.34.300 into law. Workshop participants will be provided with a review of the types of cases undergoing a fatality review, both from an audit process as well as a field request. Information will be shared regarding the application used for initiating, monitoring and tracking fatality reviews and the format used to provide yearly statistics and percentages. Workshop participants will be introduced to work on a new application process for fatality and near fatality reviews to include an expanded APS data collection system that is consistent with the national data collection efforts (NAMRS).

405 - Enhancing APS Practice through the Coordinated Care Initiative
Lisa Shiner, Riverside County Dept. of Public Social Services
Jennifer Ciaiar, Riverside County DPSS, Adult Services
The Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) is being piloted in different states across the country. In California, seven counties were designated to pilot the initiative, including Riverside County. Implementation of CCI in Riverside has resulted in several opportunities that have led to the enhancement of their practice in APS. This workshop will highlight the practices that have been implemented in Riverside County and have served to further enhance the county's capacity to promote safety, wellbeing and independence of elderly and dependent adults.

406 - Criminals Diagnose Dementia Faster Than Doctors Do! Elder Financial Abuse and Dementia
Elizabeth A. Landsverk, MD, ElderConsult Geriatric Medicine
How dementia, especially early dementia, can affect elders and allow them to be vulnerable to financial abuse. Overview of what dementia is, how it is diagnosed, what behaviors result, what exactly is capacity and how it applies to financial elder abuse. What are typical financial frauds and scams, how do criminals 'diagnose' dementia so quickly & use it to fraud elders. What can family, friends and society do? What are red flags? How can families & friends create a support network to protect elders.

407 - Abuse in Later Life: The Economic Barriers to Separating from the Abuser
Dana N. Goldberg, SeniorLAW Center
Keeley Frank, Center for Advocacy for Rights and Interests of the Elderly (CARIE)
Tara Saunders, SeniorLAW Center
Contrary to popular belief, younger women are not the sole victims
of domestic violence, nor does abuse end suddenly with age. It affects every age group. Until recently, it seems, even many domestic violence experts and providers believed that abuse tapered off by age 50, as few older women show up at shelters, call police or access the resources of advocates. But domestic violence knows no age boundaries. Nor does it happen only to older women in nursing homes or long-term care facilities. Experts and advocates have discovered unique factors keeping older victims from seeking help, including the physical and mental health challenges associated with aging such as failing memory, various stages of dementia, hearing, vision and other physical disabilities, problems of mobility, access, struggles for autonomy and independence, isolation, and dependence on caregivers and family members for their care and survival. It is estimated that 5 million seniors experience abuse each year. While estimates vary from only one in ten to one in fourteen domestic violence cases being reported to the authorities, these vulnerable individuals remain invisible and often suffer in silence. Domestic violence is rarely a one-time episode. Older survivors are easy prey to those who live in their homes and who support them financially. Without ensuring that victims are living away from their abusers, without ensuring that victims are free from financial manipulation by their abusers, and without ensuring additional means of financial independence and economic security, senior survivors are more likely to be dependent upon their abusers and to continue in or return to their abusive situations. This workshop will educate participants about the warning signs of abuse in elder life, the legal tools available for addressing the abuse, the economic barriers which often prevent older victims from leaving the abusive situations and remedies for securing financial independence. In addition we will discuss the co-occurrence of financial exploitation with abuse and the vulnerability of elder victims of domestic violence. The workshop presenters will use case scenarios to facilitate participant discussion about barriers which may confront the elder victims, how to identify these barriers and steps the participants can take to help remove those barriers. We will utilize a power point to guide the workshop but a large portion of the workshop will involve audience participation and response to case scenarios. We will also administer a pre-test and post-test regarding knowledge of the participants. This workshop is part of a grant awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice to SeniorLAW Center to assist elder victims of domestic violence in overcoming barriers to safety.

408 - APS and Police Investigations: WORKING TOGETHER
Jordan Satinsky, Montgomery County Police Department
This session will be an introduction to conducting investigations with the police. The idea being that APS and law enforcement have not traditionally worked together. As a result, the elder/vulnerable adult abuse victim can be interviewed several times by different agencies. All of these agencies are seeking the same goal: to assist the victim. In Montgomery County we have pulled together law enforcement, Adult Protective Services, and the State’s Attorney’s Office in order to better serve our elder/vulnerable adult community. The collaboration between the members of these agencies has resulted in stronger investigations, better prosecutions, and less re-victimization. This 90 minute session will cover an introduction to police criminal investigations and interview tactics. As well as how to work with police investigators and what to expect as the police/APS investigation continues through the criminal justice system. Participants will be provided with tips and tricks with interacting with their law enforcement counterparts. This session will be interactive and the presenter will facilitate a question and answer session.

501 - Safeguarding the Dementia Journey (Part 2)
Krista Mckay, Alzheimer’s Association
Safeguarding the Dementia Journey takes a look at the epidemic of Alzheimer’s in the community, its impact on the individual, family and society, and addresses specifically the concerns most connected to this vulnerable population: Aging safely in the home, understanding and addressing wandering and other behaviors, protecting the emotional, financial and physical health of both the person with dementia and his/her caregiver.

502 - APS I-Teams: How to Build a Coalition that Sticks
Sylvia Pla-Raith, Ohio Attorney General
Because elder abuse victims have diverse and multiple needs, it is unlikely that any single agency can provide everything required to stop the abuse, neglect and exploitation and/or prevent its reoccurrence. Most clients require services from several agencies. If services are not coordinated, clients may fall through the cracks which often results in negative outcomes. In addition, unnecessary delays in interventions can lead to victims experiencing increased frustration, trauma and intrusion in their lives. This workshop will demonstrate the value of communities developing an APS I-Team to promote well-coordinated services, reduce the need for clients to repeat the story and maximize service effectiveness. By working collaboratively, clients have increase opportunities for achieving positive outcomes and experience a lessened degree of trauma. Show participants to sustain an I-Team with real concrete examples of accomplishments and benefits.

503 - Mass Marketing Fraud Schemes: How, Why, and What to Do for Victims
Rachel R. Heintz, United States Postal Inspection Service
Christiana Kasion, United States Postal Inspection Service
Mass marketing fraud schemes victimize hundreds of thousands of individuals out of millions of dollars each year! This workshop will provide attendees with a definition of mass marketing fraud and examples of how fraud schemes victimize individuals. The discussion will center on the red flags that can lead to early detection of victimization, effective ways to discuss victimization with someone who is in denial of their involvement, and suggestions for assisting an individual recover after victimization. This presentation will provide attendees with an increased awareness of how fraud schemes effectively swindle innocent people.

504 - Identification and Intervention in abuse, neglect and exploitation
Jeffrey John Wood, Esquire; Senior Counsel, Pennsylvania Department of Aging
Denise Getgen, RN; Protective Services Office Director, Pennsylvania Department of Aging
The presentation, or workshop, will consist of an overview of the Pennsylvania Adult Protective Services Act (35 P.S. §10210.102) and the Pennsylvania Older Adult Protective Services Act (35 P.S. §10225.101), with emphasis on identification of neglect, abuse and financial exploitation with intervention measures through civil court actions (emergency involvement under the Acts, and through the Incapacitated Persons [20 Pa. C.S.A. §5513] or Guardianship Law and
the Power of Attorney [20 Pa. C.S.A. §5604(d)] or Fiduciary Law) and 
criminal court actions [18 Pa. C.S.A.], with a focus on financial or 

fraud scams.

505 - Launch of the NAPSA APS Worker Certificate Program
Kevin Bigelow, Kevin Bigelow-Training and Consulting
Lori Delagrammatikas, California Department of Social Services
Paul Needham, TCServices
This workshop is intended to alert attendees to NAPSA’s forthcoming 
APS worker certification and the resources involved, as well as pro-
vide an update on the progress of the NAPSA Certification Subcom-
mittee. The training will show how to access resources via the inter-
ernet. It will highlight and demonstrate the functions that users can 
expect, such as information on educational and conference opportu-
nalities as well as available training. We will also discuss the NAPSA 
Trainee's registry and its requirements and benefits. These resources 
will be demonstrated and examples for use explored. Parallels with 
federal guidelines and long-term goals for establishing national pri-
orities will be discussed.

506 - Granny’s Got a Gun
Mandy Weirich, Randolph County Housing Authority
This workshop will explore the steps that professionals can take to 

improve gun safety in the homes of older adults and their families.
We will leave the gun control debate at the door and talk about pro-
active steps that we can take to protect our clients, patients, and 

loved ones when there is a firearm in the home.

507 - SUPERVISING TO PROTECT; PREVENT & EMPOWER Are You 
Adventure Ready
Thomas Kimbark, Texas Department of Family and Protective Ser-

vices
For Ultimate Protection of Vulnerable Adults in their Catchment Area 
Empowering Supervisors will Begin with the End in Mind. No one 
wants to see a vulnerable adult going without basic needs; being 
mistreated or repeatedly abused. As a frontline supervisor it is your 
duty to assure that workers under your direction have the skills nec-

essary to recognize, evaluate and deter situations that are potential-
ly dangerous. This session will be inclusive of training that can 
prepare Adult Protective Service (APS) Specialists for what they will 
see in the field through simulation and mentoring programs. We 
will discuss how to properly utilize an assessment tool to help identi-
fy hazards that present harm and barriers that increase risk and how 

it can point workers toward steps that can be implemented to allevi-
ate symptoms. We will look at the heart of the matter and explore 
the possibilities of establishing prevention measures for situations 
that may not have risen to the defined of abuse or neglect where a 
seasoned supervisor may be able to guide a novice worker to avert 
the inevitable. We will look at developing community partnerships 
in an effort to open communication and outline the importance of 
front line worker involvement with these collaborative efforts.

And finally we will review recruitment opportunities and how the 

APS Specialist can be effectively used as a marketing representative 
to attract new persons to our workforce.

508 - Administration for Community Living: Supporting APS at the 
Federal Level
Stephanie Eliason, ACL, Office of Elder Justice & APS
Karl Urban, WRMA, Inc
In October 2014, the Administration on Community Living (ACL) es-

established a new office as the 1st federal home for APS: the Office of 
Elder Justice and Adult Protective Services. Over the past 2 years, 
ACL has launched a number of efforts to directly support APS, both 
through policy and funding. This presentation will provide an over-
view these activities, including the National Voluntary Consensus 
Guidelines for State APS Administrative Systems, the National Adult 
Maltreatment Reporting System, grants to enhance state APS pro-
grams, and the National Adult Protective Services Technical Assis-
tance Resource Center (APS TARC) which is supporting ACL in these 
efforts. In this session, staff from ACL and the APS TARC will outline 
ACL’s vision and goals for its APS activities, and engage participants in 
a listening session to solicit input on how ACL and the APS TARC can 
further enhance its work to support APS programs.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS 6
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31, 2016 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

601 - Supporting Senior Victims Through a Coordinated Response: 
Aligning Medical Policies and Practices
Katie Midgley, M.S., Plough Foundation
Ferrell Moore, Baptist Memorial Healthcare Memphis
Laura Riker, MSW, Baptist Memorial Healthcare Memphis
Estimates suggest that as many as 1 in 5 Americans will be victims of 

abuse in later life. Moreover, many forms of elder abuse remain hid-
eden from existing safeguards. This workshop focuses on one com-
nunity’s response. In 2014, the Plough Foundation (a private Mem-
phis-based grant-making institution) launched a 3-year $3.45 million 

Coordinated Response to Elder Abuse (CREA). CREA links together 
public and nonprofit organizations responding to elder abuse. In a 

little over a year, CREA has served 220 senior abuse victims. Vital to 
this effort is the development of an elder abuse curriculum designed 
by Baptist Memorial Health Care nurses and social workers—with 
assistance from the National Center on Elder Abuse —and made pos-
sible by the Plough Foundation’s CREA grant. The training is designed 
to help medical personnel differentiate between normal signs of ag-
ing and signs of abuse, and establishes a best-practice protocol for 
interviewing and flagging patients as possible victims of elder abuse. 
The training will be implemented across the Baptist Memorial Health 
Care system, supporting the early identification and intervention in 
elder abuse. The workshop will review the development of CREA, 
the process of designing and implementing the elder abuse curricu-

lum, and discuss lessons learned as well as offering a glimpse of early 
outcomes.

602 - Innovation in Motion- The Cuyahoga County Emergency Inte-

rvention Team
Natasha Pietrocolda, MEd, MBA, Cuyahoga County Division of Senior 
and Adult Services
This workshop explore how Cuyahoga County utilized grant funding 
to develop an innovative program called the Emergency Intervention 
Team (EIT). The EIT addresses the lack of systemic collaboration be-
tween medical providers and specific services for victims of adult 

abuse and those who are at risk of maltreatment. It take a holistic, 
wrap around philosophy to assist vulnerable clients that require med-


cal screening and a geriatric assessment, but are not capable of ar-

ranging for this care on his/her own, do not have regular healthcare 
or lack insurance to obtain these services. An APS worker is coupled 
with a staff registered nurse to go out on a home visit based on the 
allegation identified during intake. If the client presents with cogni-
tive concerns, APS contracts with a local hospital’s home visitation 

geriatricians to assess the client for capacity issues. Geriatric assess-
ments themselves often result in long scheduling delays or missed appointments by clients that often have comprehension concerns. The EIT looks to reduce recidivism, account for unplanned emergency room visits, develop timely protective plans that minimize harm and stabilizes the client and can be useful in obtaining a statement of expert evaluation for clients that require a legal decision maker/guardian.

603 - Opening the Door: A Training for Engaging in Attuned Adult Protective Services Work
Caroline Rosenthal Gelman, PhD, Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College, City University of New York
Geoffrey Rogers, BA, Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging, Hunter College, City University of New York
Agnes Halarawicz, MSW, Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College, City University of New York
Angela Ghesquiere, PhD, Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging, Hunter College, City University of New York
Up to 1 in 10 Americans over age 60 are victims of elder abuse every year, but elder abuse is significantly under-reported. Adult Protective Services (APS) workers are often the front-line responders in elder abuse cases. Thus, training APS workers to recognize signs of elder abuse and interact with both elders suspected of being victimized and alleged abusers in a manner that maximizes disclosure of abuse is critical. Therefore, we refined, implemented, and evaluated an interactive 8-hour training program that utilizes a relational approach and active learning techniques to foster engagement, trust, and connection between the APS worker and alleged victims and abusers. The theoretical and clinical rationale for this relational approach is that alleged victims and abusers who feel the APS worker is trustworthy, attuned and engaged are more likely to disclose abuse. The training was developed and revised with extensive input from APS workers and supervisors. In this workshop, we will outline the curriculum content and present brief portions of the curriculum so that participants can experience it. We will also discuss findings on the training’s impact on engagement knowledge and self-efficacy, collected in recent pilot testing with 2 cohorts of APS workers in New York City. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to provide feedback on curriculum structure and content. In the future, we hope to disseminate the training broadly, both locally and nationally.

604 - Boots on the Ground: Fighting Pension Poaching Scams Against Elder Veterans in San Francisco
Shawna Reeves, Institute on Aging
Tamara Hedani, Institute on Aging
Jill Nielsen, LCSW, Adult Protective Services, City and County of San Francisco
Veterans Aid and Attendance scams (aka "pension poaching" scams) targeting elder veterans were first detected by advocates in 2007 and continue to threaten the financial well-being of thousands of veterans across the country. California passed legislation to reign in the worst practices of abusers, with other states following suit, but most elder veterans are unaware of how to avoid pension poaching scams and where to turn for help. To address this need, the Institute on Aging, in partnership with San Francisco’s Department of Aging and Adult Services, the county’s Adult Protective Services program, and County Veterans Services Organization, launched a ground-breaking program to form systematic responses aiming to: 1) educate elders and APS workers about pension poaching scams, including how to avoid them, 2) direct elders who have already been scammed and their advocates to legal and/or regulatory resources that can help, 3) connect elders who wish to apply for the Veterans Aid and Attendance benefit to their local CVSO, and 4) coordinate with the California Department of Insurance and the Attorney General about ways to better regulate and prosecute scammers.

605 - Fraud in Guardianship: The Crime of the 21st Century
Anthony Palmieri, JD, CIA, CCSA, Clerk & Comptroller, Palm Beach County
Honorable Sharon R. Bock, Esq., Clerk & Comptroller, Palm Beach County
As our nation’s population continues to rapidly age, the importance of understanding and monitoring guardianship (conservatorship) fraud will grow exponentially. Understanding and monitoring guardianship fraud is critical to protecting society’s oldest and most vulnerable citizens – incapacitated adult wards. The Clerk & Comptroller of Palm Beach County (Florida), Sharon R. Bock, Esq., and her Inspector General team perform highly specialized and in-depth audits and investigations of guardianships. Since inception of the Clerk’s program, her chief investigator, Anthony Palmieri, has audited and investigated over 900 guardianship cases and identified over $4.5 million worth of unsubstantiated disbursements, missing assets and fraud. From the Florida Panhandle to the Florida Keys, there are over 500,000 elderly persons with Alzheimer’s type dementia in the state. With over 100,000 persons over eighty-five years of age, Palm Beach County is considered by many to be an epicenter of the grey tsunami eclipsing the United States, these same issues will be experienced by many other cities and municipalities within the next 5 to 10 years. Session participants will hear about a cutting-edge monitoring program that is successfully deterring and identifying guardianship fraud. A unique component of the program is a dedicated guardianship fraud hotline that encourages concerned persons to report anyone suspected of perpetrating financial fraud, abuse, or exploitation.

606 - Proactive Ways to Influence the Potential Reduction of Elder Abuse Amongst our Aging Society
Candice Simeoni, York County Elder Abuse Task Force/Kennebunk Police Department
The workshop is designed to inspire those who are thinking about starting an Elder Abuse task force, Elder Abuse reduction program or any Elder Abuse related initiative. Presenter: Candice Simeoni is the Chair of a well developed Task Force in the state of Maine. She has been an law enforcement officer since 2004 and has been featured in many media outlets about the work she has done and is currently doing in support of our aging nation. Candice is an instructor at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy teaching cadets the importance of focusing on Elder Abuse and presents around the State of Maine on Elder Abuse related concerns. Her task force structure and implementation plan has been used Nationwide. She prides herself on her motto: "Taking Care of Those Who Once Took Care of Us."

607- Banks & credit unions: Working with them to prevent & respond to financial exploitation
Naomi Karp, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
Diane Menio, CARIE (Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly)
Financial institutions play a vital role in preventing and responding to elder financial exploitation. They’re uniquely positioned to detect that an older account holder has been targeted or victimized and to
take action—and they can play an important role when APS is investigating an allegation. At this workshop, the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) will describe its recent advisory and recommendations to banks and credit unions. Learn about the CFPB’s recommendations on fraud detection, reporting, sharing records with APS and law enforcement, collaborating with key stakeholders and other best practices relevant to your work. Find out about what financial institutions across the country are doing now and how that might change. The presentation also will cover CFPB findings and tools for working in local and regional multidisciplinary networks with financial institutions. Presenters will share other relevant CFPB publications, consumer tools and public education programs. In addition to CFPB’s presentation, the Executive Director of a leading Philadelphia advocacy organization will describe its work on elder financial exploitation and collaboration with multiple stakeholders, including financial institutions. NOTE: THIS WORKSHOP IS APPROPRIATE FOR ALL LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE (the questionnaire does not give that as an option)

608 - Ensuring a Successful NAMRS Data Submission
Karl Urban, WRMA, Inc.
Stephanie Eliason, ACL, Office of Elder Justice & APS
The Administration on Community Living (ACL) and state APS programs are working in partnership to implement the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS). States are preparing their first data submission for early 2017. This session will provide state APS administrators an update on what they need to know and do to ensure successful submission of data and will provide them an opportunity to provide feedback to ACL and WRMA on implementation efforts to-date.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS 7
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31, 2016 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

701 - Polyvictimization in Later Life
Candace Heisler, JD, Heisler and Associates
Trudy Gregorie, Justice Solutions
Holly Ramsey-Klawnik, Kathleen Quinn, NAPSA
Research has shown that victims frequently suffer multiple forms and incidents of elder abuse which result in multiple harms. This session will review relevant research, draw on recommendations from experts to describe the nature and impact of polyvictimization, and discuss how to craft victim-centered, trauma-informed responses. The session will introduce an online curriculum for practitioners to use to better understand the experience of polyvictimization and to develop effective responses.

702 - Assessing financial decision making and exploitation
Peter A. Lichtenberg, Wayne State University
One of the challenges in preventing the financial exploitation of older adults is that neither criminal justice nor noncriminal justice professionals are equipped to detect capacity deficits. Because decision-making capacity is a cornerstone assessment in cases of financial exploitation, effective instruments for measuring this capacity are essential. Deficits in financial decision-making abilities are often the hidden element in financial exploitation cases. In 2015 at NAPSA we introduced a new person-centered screening scale. The brief screen we will examine combines evaluation for potential financial exploitation and assessment of decisional abilities, and is intended for use in the context of a significant real-life financial decision. We will explore the new empirical evidence supporting the scale, describe its implementation and usage and trouble shoot potential difficulties. It is our hope that this scale, currently adopted across 5 states will be used even more widely.

703 - Preparing for NAMRS: California’s Story
Pi-Ju (Marian) Liu, University of California, San Francisco
Lori Delagrammatikas, California Department of Social Services
Jill Nielsen, City and County of San Francisco, Department of Aging and Adult Services
Sandy Skezas, MSW, Santa Cruz County
California’s Adult Protective Services (APS) program investigates approximately 15% of all elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation reports in the country. But as a county-based system, each of the 58 counties operate independently and lack the capability to share case level data. Very few data fields are tracked on a state level in aggregate. Given these circumstances, collecting and submitting state level data to the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS) will be a challenge for the state. This workshop will review California’s evaluation process as it sets out to drastically change state level data collection practices. This panel presentation will review the process and findings from an evaluation that was conducted in partnership with the University of California, San Francisco. Challenges including administrative, budgetary, and political issues will be summarized, and a blueprint for next steps in California will be outlined. County-based APS programs will benefit from learning about California’s process. Active participation is expected from the audience, since the panel would like to exchange experiences with other states.

704 - Identifying risk factors and processes to assist with ongoing case management
Nanci Thaemert, Idaho Supreme Court
Renae Bieri, MPH, Idaho Supreme Court
This workshop will describe how the Idaho courts teamed with stakeholders, including judges, adult and child protective service workers, attorney’s and court personnel, to develop and implement a tool to monitor the care of persons under guardianship. This tool is designed to identify those cases where the most potential concern for abuse and exploitation exist and provide monitoring and case management where most needed. This assessment tool consists of 39 questions used to identify potential issues of concern within each case. Questions answered in the affirmative, indicating a potential issue is present, are given a score between 1 and 5. Once a score is assigned, the court is given a menu of options to monitor the case using both court and community resources and ensure vulnerable persons are receiving the protection they need. The workshop will provide an opportunity to learn about how the Idaho courts and non-judicial partners worked together to identify processes to bring possible abusive situations occurring in the lives of persons under guardianship or conservatorship to the court’s attention through a community complaint process. With a comprehensive plan in place that includes the case management tool, complaint process, and a menu of monitoring options, workshop participants will learn how to engage everyone in the system to protect vulnerable persons.

705 - The Life of a Guardian: Telling the Difference Between Incapacity and Questionable Decision Making
Wanda Jones-Bevington MS, LSW, NCG, National Guardianship Association
Good guardians consider the rights, desires and preferences of per-
In the last few years, APS in San Diego became concerned with the potentially lethal situations involving depressed and suicidal seniors. APS workers are well equipped when confronted with intense and are committed to providing information and training to ensure that the decision is not in the individuals’ best interest. When is it okay to let a person under guardianship make a “bad” decision? This interactive presentation will utilize casework examples to address the incidence of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Increasingly perpetrators and victims leave evidence on Electronic Communication, such as emails, texts, and voicemails, and the ever-expanding number of Social Media Sites and Applications, like Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, just to name a few. Once recognized, investigators need to understand the proper investigatory steps to collect this evidence in a way that will hold up to the evidentiary standards of relevance and authenticity. This interactive practice based workshop will lead attendees through case examples of Social Media and Electronic Communication Evidence and step by step demonstrations on how to collect these sources of evidence.

Kimberly Pearce, County of San Diego Adult Protective Services

**708 - Fighting Financial Exploitation through Collaboration & Services**

Elder protective services for victims who are 50 years of age or older. This workshop will focus on the benefits of these grants and the advantages applying for the funds can bring to your community. Join the presenters who have worked with those awarded this grant over the years as we explore what your community can do to apply for these grant funds.

Stacy Rodgers, Social Security Administration

**802 - Government at Work: Addressing Financial Exploitation of Seniors**

Later Life Program” that focuses on a comprehensive approach to addressing elder abuse in communities. These projects train criminal justice professionals to enhance their ability to address elder abuse, neglect and exploitation; provide cross-training opportunities to professionals working with older victims; establish or support a coordinated community response to elder abuse; and provide or enhance services for victims who are 50 years of age or older. This workshop will focus on the benefits of these grants and the advantages applying for the funds can bring to your community. Join the presenters who have worked with those awarded this grant over the years as we explore what your community can do to apply for these grant funds.

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Christopher Dubble, Institute on Protective Services at Temple University

**707 - Depression and Suicide: Considerations for Adult Protective Services Specialists**

Kimberly Pearce, County of San Diego Adult Protective Services

**706 - Social Media and Electronic Communication Evidence in Protective Services Investigations**

Christopher Dubble, Institute on Protective Services at Temple University

In today’s digital world, Protective Services Investigators must increasingly recognize Social Media and Electronic Communication as critical sources of evidence for their investigations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Increasingly perpetrators and victims leave evidence on Electronic Communication, such as emails, texts, and voicemails, and the ever-expanding number of Social Media Sites and Applications, like Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, just to name a few. Once recognized, investigators need to understand the proper investigatory steps to collect this evidence in a way that will hold up to the evidentiary standards of relevance and authenticity. This interactive practice based workshop will lead attendees through case examples of Social Media and Electronic Communication Evidence and step by step demonstrations on how to collect these sources of evidence.

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**708 - APS Partnerships With Your State Regulator of Financial Institutions**

Alan Lawitz, Esq., Bureau of Adult Services, New York State Office of Children & Family Services

Jared Elosta, Esq., New York New State Department of Financial Services

Sheryl Nadell, LNHA, Maine Department of Health & Human Services

**Jared Elosta, Esq., New York State Department of Financial Services**

**Alan Lawitz, Esq. , Bureau of Adult Services, New York State Office of Institutions**

In New York, for example, the State APS agency has worked with the State Department of Financial Services (DFS) to develop and issue guidance to financial institutions on the role of APS, how to report; encouraging cooperation with APS requests for information to assist investigations of financial exploitation; and how DFS can investigate and otherwise assist in such cases. DFS has also co-presented with APS in trainings of financial professionals. Other States have similar initiatives. Learn about these current practices, which you may wish to adapt for similar initiatives in your own jurisdiction.

**WORKSHOP SESSIONS 8**

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31, 2016 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

**801 - Funding Training, Collaboration & Services on Abuse in Later Life through OVW**

Lisa G Furr, VA Office of the Attorney General

Candance Heisler, JD, Heisler and Associates

Ann Laatsch, J.D., National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL)

The Office of Violence Against Women has for more than ten years offered a grant "Enhanced Training And Services To End Abuse In Later Life Program" that focuses on a comprehensive approach to addressing elder abuse in communities. These projects train criminal justice professionals to enhance their ability to address elder abuse, neglect and exploitation; provide cross-training opportunities to professionals working with older victims; establish or support a coordinated community response to elder abuse; and provide or enhance services for victims who are 50 years of age or older. This workshop will focus on the benefits of these grants and the advantages applying for the funds can bring to your community. Join the presenters who have worked with those awarded this grant over the years as we explore what your community can do to apply for these grant funds.

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**803 - Listening Session for APS Administrators**

NAPSA Regional Representatives Board

APW programs face many challenges: funding, workforce, caseload, quality assurance and so on. APS program administrators (heads of state or county programs) are responsible for meeting these challenges. And NAPSA, as your membership organization, wants to provide you with support in meeting the challenges. The NAPSA Regional Representatives Advisory Board (RRAB) is responsible for making sure NAPSA knows about key issues and facilitating discussion of key issues. This session is an opportunity for APS Administrators to sit down informally with members of the RRAB to discuss your day-to-day challenges. This will help NAPSA better address your needs.

**804 - "Verbal Abuse Mosaic" - Protect/Prevent/Empower**
805 - Collaborating to Reduce the Incidence of Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation
Sheryl Soukup, Soukup Strategic Solutions
Robert Anderson, APS Director, Florida Department of Children and Families
State agencies, nonprofits and self-advocates are teaming up in Florida to reduce the incidence of abuse, neglect and exploitation of individuals with developmental disabilities across the state. Collaborative efforts have resulted in data sharing, cross-agency data analysis, a public awareness campaign, policy work and enhanced training for law enforcement, service providers and individuals with disabilities. In this presentation, attendees will learn how a statewide task force of stakeholders is changing the way Florida detects, responds to and prevents maltreatment of individuals with developmental disabilities.

806 - Your Future Paycheck: What You Need to Know About Social Security, Pensions, Savings & Investments
Lara Hinz, Women’s Institute for a Secure Retirement
Linda K. Stone, Society of Actuaries
Living much longer than their parents’ generation, today’s seniors are spending more time in retirement than in the years planning for it. This longevity, however, puts many people at risk for running out of money. Women are especially at risk due to longer life expectancies, lower lifetime earnings, and time out of the workforce for caregiving. This workshop will look at the retirement risks workers and especially women face and provide practical information and resources for managing these risks and developing a long-term financial plan. This session will include a discussion about the different sources of retirement income and strategies for making that income last a lifetime.

807 - A View from the Bridge: Exploring Financial Exploitation from a Multidisciplinary Perspective
Randolph W. Thomas, MA, Law Enforcement (retired)
Rebecca C. Morgan, JD, Stetson University College of Law, Center for Excellence in Elder Law
Pamela B. Teaster, PhD, Virginia Tech, Center for Gerontology
This session will offer 75 years of acquired multidisciplinary perspective to examine five highlighted cases (selected by the presenters) from the past year’s headline-grabbing elder financial exploitation cases to distill the overall ethics, aging and theoretical constructs, the criminal justice responses and the successes and failures of our current system of responding to financial exploitation. The presenters, pooling their years of experience, will offer a multidisciplinary look at where we started, how far we have come, how far we have yet to go, and what works and what doesn’t in the ongoing battle against financial exploitation. These current cases will be used to illustrate the foundations created years ago and currently applied to these cases and note the shortcomings of our system, from the perspective of criminal justice, civil remedies and theoretical constructs and the need to bridge the gaps in crafting an effective response.

808 - Understanding APS Guardianship Cases in New York State
Raquel Romanick, JD, Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging, Hunter College, City University of New York
Jean Callahan, JD, Brooklyn Neighborhood Office of The Legal Aid Society
Angela Ghesquiere, PhD, MSW, Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging, Hunter College, City University of New York
When an adult lacks ability to make legal, financial or health care decisions, and advanced directives are nonexistent or insufficient, guardianship may be instituted. Through this legal proceeding, the court determines whether a person should be declared legally incapacitated and appoints someone to make decisions regarding their health, safety or financial well-being. It is often APS that first becomes aware of need for guardianship or who petitions for guardianship, usually because they were already working with the vulnerable adult or were called to address a health, safety, or financial crisis. While APS’ mission and the laws around APS and guardianship are the same across New York State (NYS), there is tremendous variation in practice. This workshop will outline the guardianship statute in NYS, and discuss a recent file review of 2416 guardianship cases in 14 NYS counties, focusing on cases with APS involvement. We found that the county (typically, APS) petitioned for guardianship and was appointed guardian in about 20% of cases. However, some counties were more likely to have APS guardians than others; variability occurred most when there were other (typically non-profit) agencies available to serve as guardian. We will also discuss how adults with APS guardians differ from those with other guardians, and how the guardianship process works in APS cases. Finally, the clinical implications of findings for APS workers, supervisors, and administrators will be reviewed.
The Summit on Elder Financial Exploitation is an opportunity to meet other important stakeholders and to learn the complex ways in which elder financial exploitation occurs and the many organizations and programs which are addressing it in creative and effective new ways.

Details available soon at www.napsa-now.org/conference
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Who should attend the NAPSA Conference or the Elder Financial Exploitation Summit?
A: The conference will benefit anyone who works with adults with disabilities and older adults or who manages a program that comes into contact with this population. The summit will be of particular interest to those who come into contact with older adult victims of financial exploitation.

Q: How many people attend the conference and summit?
A: Last year we had over 525 attendees at the conference and over 150 at the summit.

Q: Is there a special NAPSA conference lodging room rate? Why don’t I see it anywhere on this brochure?
A: Yes there is! Unfortunately, we are not permitted to advertise this rate, but you can see it after making a reservation for the event. This cost is the GSA approved rate.

Q: Can I get the conference lodging rate for the weekend before or after the event?
A: Yes, the hotel will make a block of rooms available for these days on a first come, first come basis. They may fill up fast, so the sooner you make the reservation, the better!

Q: Is the 7th Annual Elder Financial Exploitation Summit included in the conference registration fee?
A: It is not, sorry. There is a separate fee for this event.

Q: Are there sponsorship opportunities?
A: Yes, there are! Please visit www.napsa-now.org/conference to see details about sponsorship.

Q: Where will the conference be next year?
A: Write to us at www.napsa-now.org/contact and ask to be placed on the annual conference information list and you’ll be one of the first to know when it’s announced!

Q: Will there be continuing education units available?
A: Yes! We will be offering continuing education at the cost of $15.00 per certificate. Please select the option for CEU’s during your registration.

Q: I’m not sure if I’m a member or not. How do I find out?
A: Contact Carol Carlton, NAPSA Administrative Assistant at www.napsa-now.org/contact.

Q: I can’t find the registration code that I need to use.
A: Contact Carol Carlton, NAPSA Administrative Assistant at www.napsa-now.org/contact.

Q: When does the price go up for registration?
A: The early registration fee is good through Monday, August 1, 2016 at 12:00 AM ET.

Q: Are any meals provided at the conference?
A: Coffee and tea are included in your registration price for the morning of Tues. and Wed. of the conference and at the Summit. Lunch is provided on Wednesday August 31, 2016 and at the Summit.

Q: Will there be handouts for each workshop?
A: Not necessarily. NAPSA has gone green and does not print handouts, although some speakers do bring handouts with them. Most conference materials will be posted to a password protected section of the NAPSA website if you wish to print materials.

Q: Can I volunteer at the conference for a discount?
A: All volunteer slots are filled by existing Conference Committee members, who also pay full price. Sorry, we do not have volunteer positions in exchange for reduced registration fees.

Q: Don’t I have to sign up for specific workshops at registration and attend those I picked?
A: No. We will make all the information available about the workshops. You may attend any workshop you wish at the conference, but spaces are first come, first serve.