



NATIONAL ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES ASSOCIATION

THE NATIONAL APS RESOURCE CENTER

The National Adult Protective Services Resource Center (NAPSRC), funded by a two year grant from the US Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging, serves professionals from Adult Protective Services (APS) agencies across the United States.

Our mission is to provide resources, through research and technical assistance, for APS professionals to use in their daily work to improve protective services, increase elder and vulnerable adult client safety, and enhance the quality, consistency, and effectiveness of APS secondary prevention activities.

NAPSRC Team

Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik, PhD, NAPSA Director of Research, is a very experienced, sociologist, researcher, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, and Licensed Certified Social Worker. Holly has worked extensively with APS programs over the years.

Joanne Otto, MSW, was the first Executive Director of NAPSA and is the retired APS Administrator of the Colorado APS Program. Joanne is a national expert in elder and vulnerable adult abuse, particularly in providing and improving APS services, who currently consults.

Candace Heisler, JD is a retired prosecutor and current consultant, is a well-known leader in the elder abuse who provides training and expertise on legal issues bearing on adult abuse clients. She provides extensive training to, and works with, APS throughout the country to better coordinate with the criminal justice system.

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The focus of the second grant period for the National APS Resource Center will be on providing targeted technical assistance (TA) to state, and selected county, APS programs. Additional information about evidence-based practices will also be provided.

The targeted technical assistance on problems identified as commonly experienced by APS systems will be provided through:

- Monthly technical assistance conference calls open to all APS administrators;
- In-depth, specific, requested technical assistance to selected APS administrators regarding secondary prevention initiatives, and
- Disseminating information regarding elder and adult abuse investigation and secondary prevention best practice methods via the publication of APS Technical Assistance reports and other means.

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