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## **Pennsylvania to Host the 2016 National Adult Protective Services Association Conference**

**Harrisburg, PA** – The Pennsylvania Department of Aging has announced that it will host the 27<sup>th</sup> annual National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) conference. The event will feature the nation’s leading adult protective services (APS) professionals and provide an opportunity for them to share their expertise. It is slated to take place in Philadelphia on Monday August 29 to Wednesday August 31, 2016 at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel.

This partnership comes at a time when elder justice has made its way to the forefront of an administration, as Governor Tom Wolf has listed his senior initiative as a top priority.

“Pennsylvania currently has the 4<sup>th</sup> highest percentage of individuals age 60 and over, tallying nearly 2.7 million statewide,” said Governor Wolf. “This reality only heightens our commitment to protecting our seniors from all forms of abuse and neglect, strengthening the safety net for all vulnerable adults and providing the platform where professional education and practice can take root and flourish in communities throughout the nation.”

The Department of Aging will work collaboratively with NAPSA to host a conference that sparks positive impact on the nation’s ability to protect its most vulnerable seniors.

“We are honored to serve as host for the 2016 Adult Protective Services Conference and look forward to welcoming others from around the country who share our passion,” said Secretary of Aging Teresa Osborne.

NAPSA Executive Director Kathleen Quinn is enthusiastic about the opportunity to have this year’s conference in Pennsylvania. “NAPSA is thrilled to bring the only national conference for adult protective services to Pennsylvania, which has a long history of excellence in our field. The conference will be an opportunity for APS professionals serving both older adults as well as younger adults with disabilities in the Commonwealth to learn from the leading experts in the field of vulnerable adult abuse.”

“Protecting our seniors is a priority, which requires full commitment to creating a network that delivers vital services,” said Secretary Osborne. “This conference will serve as a pivotal step to further enhance our network and provide safer, more livable communities.”

For information on NAPSA, visit [napsa-now.org](http://napsa-now.org), and for more information on the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, visit [aging.pa.gov](http://aging.pa.gov).

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