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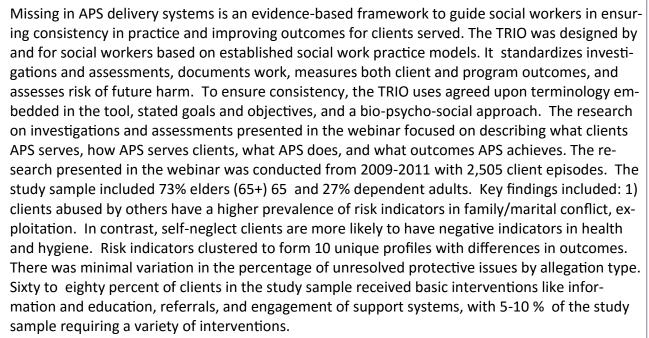
TITLE - Advancing the Field of APS through Research: An Introduction to the Tool for Risk, Interventions and Outcomes (TRIO)

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SUMMARY OF RESEARCH



PRACTICE & POLICY IMPLICATIONS

APS clients present complex challenges to APS systems in engaging clients and having the necessary resources in the community to address the elimination or reduction of risk. The presented research showed no significant difference in recurrence rate by age: clients aged 80+ returned at the same rate as those aged 65-79. Gender was not associated with actual recurrence. Refusing help and an APS history are global risk factors that cut across allegation types for unresolved protective issue. Other risk factors found in self neglect clients include lack of social supports and confusion. In clients abused by others, family conflict, shame and guilt were key individual risk factors. Having a history of APS referrals, living alone, refusing help and not substantially engaging in available APS interventions were all significantly related to an increase in a client experiencing an unresolved protective issue. As a single risk indicator, lack of social support more than doubled the odds of recurrence among self-neglect clients. Clients fell into two distinct groups: acceptance of extensive engagement with APS and those who did not, with those who had high engagement achieving better outcomes. Allegation driven investigation is less effective than a comprehensive approach. The allegation provides the legal authority to conduct an investigation, but once in the home, workers can better serve clients when they approach the investigation and assessment in a comprehensive and integrated manner.

FURTHER READING

Sommerfeld D., Henderson, L., Snider, M., Aarons, G. (2015). "Multidimensional Measurement Within Adult Protective: Design and Initial Testing of the Tool for Risk, Interventions, and Outcomes." Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect, 26:495-522. This is an open source article.



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