

NAPSA/NCPEA Research Committee Winter R2P Webinar

“The Sexual Abuse of Vulnerable Adults in Institutions: Key Study Findings and Implications for Practice”

This webinar will provide an overview of the National Institute on Aging-funded study “The Sexual Abuse of Vulnerable Adults in Institutions” (SAVAI), its key findings with regard to case factors that predicted substantiation of the sexual abuse allegation, and implications for practice. The SAVAI study collected data on over 400 new allegations of sexual abuse that were investigated by Adult Protective Services and/or regulatory agencies in Oregon, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin during a six-month period.

Webinar attendees will be able to:

- Understand the challenges to, and strategies for, conducting research on sexual abuse of vulnerable adults residing in care facilities
- Describe case characteristics that increase or decrease the likelihood that a sexual abuse allegation within a care setting will be substantiated
- Advocate for more effective investigative practices in cases of sexual abuse of vulnerable adults residing within care facilities.

Presenters:

- Dr. Erin Abner, Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, University of Kentucky
- Dr. Pamela B. Teaster, Professor and Director, Center for Gerontology, Virginia Tech
- Dr. Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik, Director of Research, NAPSA

This webinar will present an overview of the findings reported in:

Abner, E., Teaster, P., Mendiondo, M., Ramsey-Klawnsnik, H., Marcum, J., Crawford, T. & Wangmo, T. (2016). Victim, allegation, and investigation characteristics associated with substantiated reports of sexual abuse of adults in residential care settings. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. DOI:10.1177/0886260516672051.

(Article provided as webinar hand-out and a brief will be forthcoming.)

Research publications detailing other findings from this study:

Teaster, P., Ramsey-Klawnsnik, H., Abner, E., & Kim, S. (2015). The sexual victimization of older women living in nursing homes. *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect*, 27(4-5), 392-409.

Ramsey-Klawnsnik, H. & Teaster, P. (2012). Recommendations and practice guidelines from a recent comprehensive study on sexual abuse in institutions. *Generations*, 36(3), 53 – 59.

Ramsey-Klawnsnik, H., Teaster, P., Mendiondo, M., Marcum, J. & Abner, E. (2008). Sexual predators who target elders: Findings from the first national study of sexual abuse in care facilities. *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*, 20(4), 353 – 376.

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Ramsey-Klawnsnik, H., Teaster, P. & Mendiondo, M. (2007). Researching clinical practice: The study of sexual abuse in care facilities. *Victimization of the Elderly and Disabled*, 10(4), 49 - 50, 58, 61 – 63.

Ramsey-Klawnsnik, H., Teaster, P., Mendiondo, M. S., Abner, E. L., Cecil, K. A. & Tooms, M. R. (2007). Sexual abuse of vulnerable adults in care facilities: Clinical findings and a research initiative, *Journal of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association* 12(6), 332 – 339.

Teaster, P., Ramsey-Klawnsnik, H., Mendiondo, M. S., Abner, E. L., Cecil, K. A. & Tooms, M. R. (2007). From behind the shadows: A profile of the sexual abuse of older men residing in nursing homes. *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect* 19(1/2), 29 – 45.