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National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA)

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Introduction

Chairman Kohl, Senator Corker, distinguished members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to discuss the GAO's report on Adult Protective Services (APS).

My name is Kathleen Quinn. I am the director of the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA), a nonprofit organization which provides the only national voice for Adult Protective Services programs, professionals and clients. I have 30 years' experience in the family violence field, one decade in domestic violence at the state level in Illinois, and 20 years in elder abuse and adult protective services working for the State of Illinois, where I was the APS Administrator and supervisor of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman. For the past four years I have worked at the national level with NAPSA.

On behalf of NAPSA, we want to thank Senator Kohl for requesting the GAO report on APS and elder abuse data, and to commend the Committee for convening this hearing on APS and elder abuse. I regret that my close colleague and invited witness Jane Raymond, the APS director in Wisconsin, could not leave that state to be here today.

As you have just heard from Dr. Lachs, abuse, neglect and exploitation of older persons is far more widespread, more costly and more lethal than even those of us long in the field realized. My role today is to talk about the role Adult Protective Services plays in responding to these victims of violence, abuse and greed, and the APS workers who are the "boots on the ground" in the fight against elder abuse.

What is APS?

APS is established by statute in every state to receive reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of older persons and (in the vast majority of states) of younger persons with disabilities who are unable to protect their own interests. Just as we would never begin any discussion of child abuse without starting with the established state protective systems, we cannot begin to address elder (and younger vulnerable adult) abuse without starting with the established state protective systems, i.e. APS.

APS investigates the allegations, provides emergency protective and other services in order to protect and assist the abuse victims, just as in child protective services (CPS). Unlike child protective services, APS of course deals with adults who have the right to make their own decisions and to refuse unwanted interventions, even those that may be in their own best interests. The most difficult and challenging task an APS professional faces, and it is one faced in the vast majority of cases, is determining, with professional assistance, when a person is not capable of making her own decisions and must have a substitute decision-maker appointed.

In most states APS responds to elder abuse which occurs in the community, rather than in facilities. Since over 95% of persons 60 years and older live in their own homes or apartments, the overwhelming majority of elder abuse occurs in non facility settings.

Every day, APS professionals face extremely complex situations, often involving life and death medical conditions, criminal activities such as drug dealing, weapons, mental illness, dementia, complex financial frauds, intergenerational family disputes and dysfunctions, legal issues, sexual abuse, filth, violence and neglect. Neglect, which sounds benign, in fact can cause years of horrific suffering and undoubtedly kills far more older persons than does physical abuse.

APS saves the lives, dignity and financial assets of countless vulnerable elders. Yet APS professionals are usually forced to work with inadequate and indeed diminishing resources, receive little recognition, little reinforcement, and vastly inadequate community services. In many cases, they receive little to no training, and significantly, there is no national center to which they can turn for that essential training, technical assistance, recommendations for practice standards, policy development, help with data collection and analysis, information exchange, and the like.

Let me share just one case to illustrate the type of multi-layered cases APS responds to every day.

An APS worker responded to a call about an 83 year old woman living in her home under deplorable conditions, bedridden and suffering from dementia. Her 52-year-old son lived with her as her caregiver.

The woman appeared to have been neglected for an extended period of time and was confined to her bed, living in her own filth and infested with maggots. Her unemployed son had taken over \$50,000 from his mother's bank accounts to buy a car and to gamble at casinos.

Also living in the home was a 48 year old severely developmentally disabled daughter, also found living in filth and without adequate nutrition, as well as numerous malnourished dogs.

The APS worker took emergency measures to get medical evaluations and treatment for the mother and daughter, found an alternative living situation for the mother, worked with a local disabilities advocacy organization to place and assist the daughter, contacted animal control to take the dogs, had the house cleaned up. APS also referred the case to law enforcement, resulting in the son being arrested and charged with felony counts of criminal neglect and theft.

Many elder abuse cases involve violent crimes, including domestic violence, sexual violence, criminal neglect, and financial crimes of every description. As we have learned from other forms of family violence, roughly nine in ten cases of elder abuse are perpetrated by the older person's own family members and loved ones.

Any criminal activity, by anyone, needs to be investigated and prosecuted, making sure that law enforcement, APS and others are not conned by the criminal's protestations of innocence and

love for the victim. In addition, the community must, while holding the criminal abuser accountable, simultaneously make sure the vulnerable victim is cared for and protected.

Not All Elder Abuse Is Criminal, But All Elder Abuse Victimizes

But elder abuse cannot be boiled down to a short list of clearly identified crimes, all of which can have only a single response: the arrest and prosecution of offenders. Elder abuse cases are often extremely complex and “messy.” In many cases, there is no clearly culpable offender to be held accountable; there are only mentally and physically ill, developmentally disabled, demented human beings struggling to get through each day. In these cases, APS must focus on the needs and safety of the older person (or younger vulnerable adult with a disability) who requires protection, but in order to assist that person, APS often must also take into account the other family members who may well have been assigned caregiving and bill-paying roles for which they are simply not capable.

We worry that if we label all elder abuse as criminal we will again leave out the thousands upon thousands of victims of emotional abuse, neglect resulting from ignorance and lack of resources, and intergenerational financial dependencies which do not involve any criminal intent or even malice. These situations do not rise to the level of criminal behavior, but nonetheless often significantly jeopardize the health and wellbeing of the older victims.

Self Neglect

One huge category of APS clients we risk leaving out with a narrow criminal definition of elder abuse are adults who self neglect; people who through no fault of their own are unable to provide for their own most basic needs of health and safety. While some may ask why we should be concerned about hoarders and others who live isolated lives in filth and disease, the answer, in addition to basic human compassion, is that they cost society a lot of money. They often trigger repeated calls by public health, zoning and fire code enforcement agencies, law enforcement, animal control, and most importantly, they often require repeated health care interventions. They frequently suffer from chronic, untreated diseases which escalate over time and can result in frequent trips to the ER for expensive, acute care. APS works with these victims to stabilize their situations in order to prevent this cycle of deterioration and costs.

Financial Abuse and Medicaid

A recent study done in Utah found that of the financial abuse cases substantiated by APS, nine percent of the victims had to turn to Medicaid to cover their health care costs specifically because they had lost their own money to exploitation. They also found that financial elder abuse costs the people of Utah \$1 million dollars a week. Given what we now know to be the extremely high prevalence of elder abuse across the country, you can extrapolate the enormous drain on Medicaid that elder financial abuse causes. APS, if called in early enough, can stem the loss of assets and work with the victim to prevent further abuse.

APS Is the Primary Response System to Elder Abuse

The APS System is the only response system in place whose primary function is to respond to vulnerable adult abuse, neglect and exploitation. APS is also the *only* system serving victims of crime and abuse which has had to rely solely on state funding decisions. As a result, APS has

almost no national infrastructure, as noted by the GAO report. Faced with ever increasing caseloads and ever shrinking state budgets, many APS programs are struggling just to answer the phones and to provide the most basic investigation and intervention services to extremely frail and at risk adults. A recent AARP Public Policy Institute-funded survey found, not surprisingly, that reports to APS have increased during the recent recession, while funding for APS services either remained flat or actually decreased in many states in the last two state fiscal years (these findings are in an AARP Fact Sheet released today).

Need for a National Resource Center for Adult Protective Services.

A national APS resource center, staffed by APS experts as well as experts from allied professions, could provide cost-effective training, information exchange, practice standards such as recommended caseload size, investigation methods, and innovative interventions, technical assistance, policy development on critical areas such as interstate compacts (among many others), and national standards on data collection. Such a resource center, modeled on the literally dozens of such centers in other fields, including child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and the aging network, could greatly enhance the capability of APS across the country to provide the most effective and efficient services to elder abuse victims.

NAPSA

NAPSA is currently a proud partner in the National Center on Elder Abuse, funded by the Administration on Aging, and through the Center provides a comprehensive daily newsfeed which catalogues all the news stories on elder abuse from around the country. I have attached a few recent stories from states represented by members of the Aging Committee to illustrate the range, diversity and seriousness of the elder abuse occurring in every community. Through the Center, NAPSA is also able to provide a national library of training materials on APS and elder abuse, and in addition we provide quarterly training webinars on issues ranging from developing local elder abuse coalitions to personal safety training for APS workers.

Through our own limited resources and small grants, NAPSA convenes the only national, annual conference on elder abuse, abuse of younger vulnerable adults and APS. We also provide quarterly webinars in a “research to practice” series to help our members apply the most up to date research findings to their daily work. We survey APS administrators to collect and make available current information on the state of APS throughout the country. We are currently hoping to implement a series of webinars specifically for APS supervisors, who often receive no training for their unique and difficult positions.

NAPSA has identified twenty-three APS core competencies necessary for an adequately trained APS worker. (Note: We would not dream of sending untrained child protective workers out to protect abused children, but depending on the state and locality, we send minimally trained APS workers sent to intervene in the lives of vulnerable adults.) NAPSA is partnering with the State of California to adapt their training curricula, based on the NAPSA core competencies, on a national level. We are also exploring the possibility of offering university accredited courses to our members at a reduced rate

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NAPSA also partners with other groups such as the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement, the American Indigenous Aging Association, and CANHR in a new collaboration called CEASE, with the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Appleseed, NCALL, Investor Protection Trust, and others.

But we need to come together to do so much more to support and build the capacity of struggling APS programs throughout the country. In these times of austerity this is a program that we all need to pay attention to, both to save lives and to save money.

NAPSA's mission is to enhance the ability of APS in every community to respond effectively and efficiently to protect the lives, dignity and assets of our grandparents, our aunts and uncles, our parents, and someday, perhaps, even ourselves.

Senators, on behalf of APS workers around the country, we thank you for your vision in asking the GAO to study this issue and for recognizing the central role of APS in responding to the scourge of elder abuse. We look forward to working with you to help all vulnerable adult victims live out their lives in safety and dignity. Thank you.

State Adult Protective Services (APS) Programs

Connecticut Department of Social Services
Alabama Department of Human Resources
Alaska Division of Senior & Disabilities Services
Arkansas Adult Protective Services
Arizona Department of Economic Security/Adult Protective Services
Colorado Department of Human Services
Delaware Division of Services for Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities
District of Columbia Department of Human Services
Florida Department of Children & Families
Georgia Department of Human Resources
Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services
Hawaii Department of Human Services
Idaho Commission on Aging
Illinois Department on Aging
Indiana Division of Aging
Iowa Department of Human Services
Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services
Kentucky Department for Community Based Services
Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals
Louisiana Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs
Maine DHHS/Office of Elder Services
Maryland Office of Adult Services, Department of Human Resources
Massachusetts Disabled Persons Protection Commission
Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs
Michigan Department of Human Services
Minnesota Department of Human Services

Mississippi Department of Human Services
Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services
Montana Adult Protective Services
Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
Nevada Department of Human Resources
New Hampshire Bureau of Elderly & Adult Services
New Jersey Division of Aging and Community Services
New Mexico Department of Aging & Long-Term Services
New York State Office of Children and Family Services
North Carolina DHHS/Division of Aging & Adult Services
North Dakota Department of Human Services
Ohio Department of Jobs & Family Services
Oklahoma Department of Human Services
Oregon Department of Human Services
Oregon Office of Investigations & Training
Pennsylvania Department of Aging
Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs
South Carolina Department of Social Services
South Dakota Department of Social Services
Tennessee Department of Human Services
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
Utah Adult Protective Services
Vermont Division of Licensing & Protection
Virgin Islands Department of Human Services
Virginia Department of Social Services
Washington Department of Social and Health Services
West Virginia Department of Health & Human Services
Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources
Wyoming Department of Family Services

Selected Elder Abuse News Stories – February, 2011

ALABAMA:

"Daughter Faces Felony Charges" --- A woman was arrested Tuesday for felony abuse and neglect of an elderly person, following the death of her 85-year-old, ... --- Daily Home Online --- February 1, 2011 (ALABAMA) <http://is.gd/8U6Nbi>

CONNECTICUT

"Deal Reached in Spat over Conn. Widow's Fortune" --- The last will was completed in September 2006, shortly after a doctor diagnosed her with dementia, probate court documents say. Other friends had expressed ... --- Wall Street Journal --- February 1, 2011 (CONNECTICUT)

<http://is.gd/Ja9IsD>

"\$1 Million Bond Set for Alleged Scammer" --- Gina L. Miller, of 37 Wells St., E. Hartford, Conn. was bound over to the 13th Circuit Court on two charges of embezzlement of a vulnerable adult \$20,000 or more . --- Leelanau Enterprise --- February 19, 2011 (CONNECTICUT)

<http://is.gd/wBdubl>

FLORIDA

"Couple Tried to Scam Kidnapping Ranson from In-laws" --- He told the elderly woman the kidnappers wanted \$425 or they would shoot Wendy ... The Novaks are charged with grand theft and exploitation of the elderly. --- NBC Miami --- January 31, 2011 (FLORIDA) <http://is.gd/ZTLeZ6>

"Judie Rappaport: Dad's Making New Friends; Are They Fairweather, or Just Plain Foul?" --- Lonely seniors are prime targets for financial exploitation via telephone sweepstakes and lottery offers. Con artists know this; they're ... --- TCPalm --- February 11, 2011 (FLORIDA)

<http://is.gd/bLuDXY>

"Pasco Nursing Home Coordinator Accused of Stealing from Patient" --- A nursing home administrator at Sunshine Christian Homes is accused of stealing \$1,403 from an 88-year-old patient. Amna G. Ahmovic, 34, of Port.. . --- Tampabay.com --- February 15, 2011 (FLORIDA)

<http://is.gd/SJUuPm>

ILLINOIS

"Wife of Ex-fire Chief, Who Bilked Elderly Woman of \$210K, Set to Be Released from Prison Today" --- Will County Circuit Court Judge Robert Livas sentenced the couple to eight years in prison for financial exploitation of an ... --- TribLocal --- February 11, 2011 (ILLINOIS)

<http://is.gd/Tl8fEJ>

"Elderly Man Dies After Alleged Beating by Son, Who is Suspect in Second Attack" --- A 76-year-old Belleville man who allegedly had been punched and kicked by his son last month died Saturday ... --- Belleville News Democrat --- February 14, 2011 (ILLINOIS) <http://is.gd/F4OjaO> .

"Priest Investigated for Elder Abuse Steps Aside" --- Judge Lynne Kawamoto's order said Krzemien was "the subject of [an] elder abuse investigation due to allegations of financial exploitation. --- Chicago Tribune --- February 13, 2011 (ILLINOIS) <http://is.gd/GSpErJ>

MAINE

--- February 13, 2011 (ILLINOIS) <http://is.gd/GSpErJ> "50K Bail for Woman Accused of Trying to Suffocate Elderly Woman" --- Prosecutors say 49-year-old Jodi Lynn Holmes has a history of making threats against the elderly. She was convicted of making bomb threats against three ... --- WABI --- February 9, 2011(MAINE)

NEW YORK

"Bilker of Elderly Cancer Patient Busted in New 'Scam'" --- A con artist on probation for embezzling more than \$310,000 from her elderly, cancer-stricken ex-boss has now been charged with bilking four ... --- New York Post --- February 1, 2011 (NEW YORK) <http://is.gd/Osk4re>

"NY Woman Arrested in Death of 70-Year-old Mother" --- Joy Solomon runs the Center for Elder Abuse and Prevention in Riverdale, a shelter for senior abuse victims. Solomon said if Castracucco was abusing her ... --- CBS New York --- February 10, 2011 (NEW YORK) <http://is.gd/gYGiSK>

"Son Convicted in Woman's Beating Death in Tonawanda" --- David C. Heck was convicted Friday of fatally bludgeoning his elderly mother on Christmas Eve two years ago. --- Buffalo News --- February 19, 2011 (NEW YORK) <http://is.gd/xkwaqt>

OREGON

"Oakland Woman Accused of Stealing \$70,000 from Senior" --- Kimberly Anne Seekins, 23, is accused of taking money from the alleged victim's bank account and illegally using the older woman's credit cards to make ... --- The Register-Guard --- February 3, 2011 (OREGON) <http://is.gd/Obv0YF>

SOUTH CAROLINA

"MBPD Searches for Caregiver Wanted for Forgery" --- According to the MBPD, Christine Patricia Coleman, 49, is wanted for exploitation of a vulnerable adult and breach of trust over \$10,000. On Dec. ... --- WMBF --- February 7, 2011 (SOUTH CAROLINA) <http://is.gd/uddZBK> .

"Deputies: Couple Kept Body Hidden for More than a Year" --- Alicia and Steven Kelly have been charged with exploitation of a vulnerable adult, resulting in abuse or neglect, which resulted in death. --- News Channel 7 --- February 7, 2011 (SOUTH CAROLINA) <http://is.gd/1blTcZ>.

TENNESSEE

"Fired Kingsport Nursing Home Employee Gets Probation for Stealing Medication" --- A former Kingsport nursing home employee has been granted probation for depriving residents of prescribed pain medication. --- Kingsport Times News --- February 11, 2011 (TENNESSEE) <http://is.gd/azt0vl>

"Elderly Man Allegedly Abused by Health Care Worker Dies" --- The elderly man who was allegedly abused by a home health care worker has died. Wilkinson was a Korean War veteran, a former prisoner of war, and a former ... --- WTVC --- February 21, 2011 (TENNESSEE) <http://is.gd/5ytngn>

'Mother, Husband of Minister Removed from Squalor' --- Tennessee Department of Human Services spokesman Vince Troia said both the husband and mother were taken to.--- Knoxville News Sentinel --- February 19, 2011 (TENNESSEE) <http://is.gd/7uSXQn>

WISCONSIN

"Hearing Ordered in Case of Strangled Dementia Patient" --- A competency hearing was ordered Tuesday for a 59-year-old man accused of strangling an 85-year-old dementia patient at a Milwaukee group home. --- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel --- February 15, 2011 (WISCONSIN) <http://is.gd/J69xic>

"New Auburn Woman Who Stole Elderly Man's Money Gets Five Years in Prison" --- Dunn County won't tolerate those who steal from the elderly or other vulnerable people. That was the message a Dunn County . --- Leader-Telegram --- February 18, 2011 (WISCONSIN) <http://is.gd/01w8fR>



National Adult Protective Services Association

*APS Provides Help and Hope
to America's Vulnerable Adults*



The National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) is the only national organization representing Adult Protective Services (APS) programs and staff as well as APS victims. Founded in 1989, NAPSA has more than 500 members across the country.

NAPSA Mission

The mission of the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) is to strengthen the capacity of Adult Protective Services (APS), at the national, state, and local levels, to effectively and efficiently recognize, report and respond to the needs of elders and adults with disabilities who are the victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and to prevent such abuse whenever possible.

NAPSA Services and Partnerships

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

NAPSA, a founding member of the Elder Justice Coalition, actively advocated for the passage of the Elder Justice Act and now is working toward securing federal funding for APS. Bill Benson, NAPSA's National Policy Advisor in Washington, D.C., provides direct access to government policy makers regarding legislation and policies. For more information, go to:

www.apsnetwork.org/About/policy.htm

TRAINING: ANNUAL APS CONFERENCE/ WEBCASTS/NATIONAL TRAINING LIBRARY

NAPSA holds the only national conference on elder abuse, abuse of adults with disabilities, and APS. Members receive significantly reduced registration fees. NAPSA develops training modules, provides technical assistance on training and manages a national library: www.apsnetwork.org/Resources/training_library.htm

INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

APS staff from all over the country provide ongoing information, technical assistance and support for members on a wide variety of subjects, including curriculum development, data management systems, and best casework practices.

NETWORKING

NAPSA members meet APS colleagues from across the country and from within their own regions, and also contribute, through volunteering for committees, to APS work and advocacy at the national level.

NEWSLETTER

Find **NAPSA NEWS** at:

www.apsnetwork.org/Resources/newsletter.htm

RESEARCH

NAPSA's joint Research Committee with the National Committee for Prevention of Elder Abuse (NCPEA) promotes research on APS clients and services. NAPSA has conducted national research activities on APS report data, training activities, services to self-neglecting adults and national data collection. Substantive research webcasts are offered free to members. See:

www.apsnetwork.org/Resources/webcasts.htm

PARTNERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL CENTER ON ELDER ABUSE (NCEA)

NAPSA, one of three funded partners in this national resource center, a project of the U.S. Administration on Aging, is the lead for NCEA training efforts, including a Training Library of APS and elder abuse training materials and quarterly informational [webcasts](#). For more information please see the NCEA website at: www.ncea.aoa.gov

OTHER PARTNERSHIPS

NAPSA partners with other organizations such as NCPEA, the University of Delaware Clearinghouse on Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly, UCI Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse & Neglect, the National Center on State Courts, & many others.

Join NAPSA to:

- **Meet and share information with APS colleagues from across the country;**
- **Receive NAPSA benefits including reduced conference fees, free webcasts and the newsletter;**
- **Help promote the lifesaving work of APS!**

APS: Advocating, Protecting and Serving Vulnerable Adults



NAPSA ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2009 – 2010

ADVOCACY

- ELDER JUSTICE ACT PASSED AND ENACTED INTO LAW!
- REQUESTED MAJOR GAO STUDY OF APS ACROSS US
- DEVELOPING ADVOCACY PARTNERSHIPS WITH DISABILITY ADVOCATE GROUPS AND CREATED A NATIONAL RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ABUSE OF ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES OF ALL AGES
- NOMINATED KEY LEADERS FOR NEW NATIONAL ELDER ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD

SERVICES

- COMPREHENSIVE ELDER ABUSE NEWSFEED PROVIDED DAILY TO THE ELDER ABUSE LISTSERV; NEWSFEED ANALYSIS OF 12 MONTHS CONTENT COMPLETED
- MAINTAINED AND EXPANDED NCEA/NAPSA TRAINING LIBRARY TO BE MORE ACCESSIBLE & USER FRIENDLY
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO HUNDREDS OF PROFESSIONALS AND TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Support

- NAPSA IS A PARTNER IN THE AOA NATIONAL CENTER ON ELDER ABUSE (NCEA)
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 - ARCHSTONE FOUNDATION
 - RETIREMENT RESEARCH FOUNDATION
 - INDIVIDUAL DONORS
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ORGANIZATION

- COMMITTEES INCLUDE: •CONFERENCE •RESEARCH
•EDUCATION •PUBLIC POLICY • MEMBERSHIP •REGIONS

TRAINING

- THE ANNUAL NAPSA CONFERENCE IS THE ONLY NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOCUSING ON ELDER ABUSE, ABUSE OF YOUNGER ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES AND APS; HELD IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS IN 2009 AND SAN DIEGO, CA IN 2010
- COMPLETED AN ONLINE “ELDER ABUSE 101” TRAINING MODULE FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

- RESEARCH COMMITTEE INITIATED (THROUGH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON CRIME & DELINQUENCY) “RESEARCH TO PRACTICE” WEBCASTS FOR NAPSA AND NCPEA MEMBERS ON *PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH AND PREVENTING SUICIDE AMONG OLDER ADULTS*; *EXECUTIVE FUNCTION IN SELF-NEGLECTING APS REFERRALS COMPARED WITH ELDER PSYCHIATRIC OUTPATIENTS*; *ANIMAL HOARDING AND SELF NEGLECT*
- PROVIDED QUARTERLY INFORMATIONAL WEBCASTS FOR NCEA ON *ELDER JUSTICE: COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS*; *WORKER SAFETY FOR APS*; *PERSONAL SAFETY FOR SOCIAL WORKERS*; *THE BROOKE ASTOR TRIAL: A CASE STUDY IN PROSECUTION OF ELDER FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION*; *THE ELDER JUSTICE ACT: WHAT IT SAYS, WHAT IT MEANS, & WHEN WILL IT BE IMPLEMENTED?*
- CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES:
 - APS CORE COMPETENCY MODULE 8 *ELDER ABUSE DYNAMICS*, MODULE 17 ON *CAPACITY ASSESSMENT*, & *MODULE 2, VALUES & ETHICS*, COMPLETED
 - PARTNERING WITH CA APS WHICH IS DEVELOPING ALL APS CORE COMPETENCIES THROUGH THE NATIONAL APS TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

PARTNERSHIPS

- ADMINISTRATION ON AGING (AOA)
- DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)
- CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION (CDC)
- NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR PREVENTION OF ELDER ABUSE (NCPEA)
- NATIONAL COUNCIL ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (NCCD)
- UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE (CANE)
- NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE ON ABUSE IN LATER LIFE (NCALL)
- NATIONAL APS TRAINING PARTNERSHIP WITH CA APS
- UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IRVINE’S CENTER OF EXCELLENCE ON ELDER ABUSE AND NEGLECT
- CA DISTRICT ATTORNEYS’ ASSOCIATION (CDAA)
- CEASE, THE COALITION TO END ELDER FINANCIAL ABUSE
- WISER, WOMEN’S INSTITUTE FOR A SECURE RETIREMENT
- NCCNHR
- NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS (NCSC)
- NORTH AMERICAN SECURITIES ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION (NASAA)
- INVESTOR PROTECTION TRUST (IPT)
- NEW YORK ADULT ABUSE TRAINING INITIATIVE (AATI)