

Establishing an Adult Protective Services Training Program

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Abstract

The Central California Social Welfare Evaluation, Research and Training Center received a two year contract from the California Department of Social Services to administer the Adult Protective Services (APS) Statewide Training System in Central California and the Bay Area. The main purpose of the program is curriculum development and training delivery for APS staff and allied adult service partners (e.g., In-Home Supportive Services, and Public Guardian) that is appropriate and responsive to county needs and reflects consistent, quality and evidence-informed practices. To deliver the training an annual needs assessment is conducted to identify regional/county training needs. Current training plans are being developed to educate county APS workers on APS program standards and on requirements and mandates of Senate Bill 2199 and by pending appropriation of the federal Elder Justice Act. The training is intended to promote statewide uniformity and consistency, in addition to best practices, in the administration and delivery of services under the APS programs. A desired outcome of training is to help minimize or prevent institutionalization of elders and dependent adults. This is a work in progress.

Goals and Objectives:

- To describe the APS training needs in the Central Valley and Bay Area
- To describe implementation of the APS Statewide Training System
- To describe the APS Statewide Training System
- To describe APS curriculum development