

Workshops Cont'd

APS and the Police: A Partnership to Protect Vulnerable Adults

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With the growth in the number of frail elderly and other mentally or physically impaired people living in the community, rather than in institutions, there is an increased concern about their vulnerability to abuse and neglect by others and to self-neglect. Local social service districts have the primary responsibility under the Adult Protective Services (APS) program to provide services to this population. In providing these services, APS may need to obtain assistance from law enforcement agencies to ensure that these adults are protected. Police agencies may need to refer to APS when they discover impaired adults in need of community services. This workshop discusses the working relationship between the police and APS, two agencies with a common goal -- the protection of vulnerable adults.

Law Enforcement Pre-Intensive October 29, 2019



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General Information

Introduction to the Law Enforcement Pre-Intensive

Interagency collaboration promotes more effective service delivery, improves the role definition of participating agencies, and improves the quality and quantity of information about cases and clients. Part of our work at the AATI is to find ways to support vulnerable adults and strengthen our understanding and practices to increase the agency of older adults and reduce their risk from those who would do them harm.

Safeguarding adults at risk is the responsibility of social services and law enforcement. This year, a Law Enforcement Pre-Intensive program is focused on developing connections and collaboration between social service providers and law enforcement.

Goals for this Law Enforcement Pre-Intensive program include:

- Creating sustainable collaborations that are innovative and creative and that transform our efforts to serve and protect adults at risk
- Promoting leadership and collaboration through problem solving partnerships
- Implementing standard practices that will result in sustainable, positive, measurable outcomes for clients

Program Overview

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

8:00am - 9:00am	Registration/Check-In Begins
9:00am - 10:00am	Alan J. Lawitz, Esq. Director, Bureau of Adult Services, New York State Office of Children and Family Services
	Keynote Speaker Lieutenant Colonel Joseph A. Tripodo Assistant Deputy Superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Investigations, New York State Police
10:00am - 10:15am	Break
10:15am - 11:15am	Financial Exploitation: A Law Enforcement Overview
11:15am - 11:30am	Break
11:30am - 12:30pm	Computer Crimes
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Medical Professionals Who Murder Their Patients
2:30am - 2:45pm	Break
2:45pm - 3:45pm	APS and the Police: A Partnership to Protect Vulnerable Adults
3:45pm - 4:15pm	Recognition Ceremony

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Financial Exploitation: A Law Enforcement Overview

Timothy Marten, Senior Investigator, Financial Crimes Unit, New York State Police

Law enforcement responds to calls for service every day. In many cases, the responding officer can identify the issue and respond accordingly. However, in cases involving financial exploitation, officers may find themselves wondering “what do I do?” This workshop will provide an overview of financial exploitation, definitions, applicable laws or charges, next steps, and a case example.

Computer Crimes

William Martin, Investigator, Computer Crimes Unit, New York State Police

This workshop will identify emerging trends in online frauds and identity theft.

Medical Professionals Who Murder Their Patients

Bruce Sackman, Retired Special Agent in Charge, US Department of Veteran Affairs, OIG

This presentation discusses medical professionals who have been convicted of murdering their patients: how investigations into these allegations are conducted, what red flags identify healthcare professionals of this nature, and what causes healthcare professionals to commit these crimes.

Continued next panel