

Adult Protective Services

Outreach and Education Programs

SFY 2013

In SFY 2013 Adult Protective Services (APS) delivered education, training and outreach programs to fifty-nine agencies and organizations, including bank personnel, law enforcement, area agencies on aging, mental health and developmental services organizations, and others.

Our goal was to strengthen community partnerships, provide education on the mission and purpose of APS and support a shared goal of preventing the abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable adults. To support these efforts the APS brochure was revised, as was the APS power point presentation that highlights provisions under Title 33, Chapter 69.

Programs included:

- A. *Outreach and Partnership Building*: Eighteen (18) partnership meetings/discussions that included 195 (approximate) participants.

 - Ten (10) with Area Agencies on Aging, HHAs, etc. to discuss mutual interests /efforts to support and protect vulnerable adults.
 - Eight (8) related to prevention of financial exploitation of vulnerable adults, including development of effective intervention strategies. APS convened a network of people interested in this issue and with them established the Vermont Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST), which meets quarterly. Membership includes bank security personnel, VT Department of Financial Regulation, the AG's office, APS, VT Alzheimer's Association, VT Department of Corrections, a representative from Sen. Sanders' office, law enforcement, area agencies on aging, LTC Ombudsman, Office of Public Guardian and others.

- B. *Community Education and Training Programs*: Thirty-five (35) community education and training programs reached 945 (approximate) participants. The focus was Title 33, Chapter 69 (statutory provisions, definitions, mandated reporting); inter-agency cooperation; financial exploitation.

APS delivered programs to:

- Law Enforcement – 3x
- Home Health Agencies – 2x
- Private Home Care agency – 3x
- Medicaid Waiver/Community Health Teams – 3x
- Area Agencies on Aging – 5x (2 re: Harmony system, re: TA for the web-based reports)
- MH and DD Agencies – 6x
- Licensed facilities – 4x
- Probation and Parole, Barre
- VT Health Care Association – Annual Meeting
- VT 2-1-1
- VT Law School, Annual Elder Justice Conference
- Department of Children/Families – Intake/Screening Unit
- VT Victims Assistance Academy
- Lyndon State College
- Catamount Rotary Club
- Senior Companions, Bennington