Agenda

- Priority Projects
  - Abuse and Neglect Task Force
  - APS Action Plan
- Adult Protective Services
- APS Registry
- Information Sharing
Priority Projects

PROGRESS UPDATE
Abuse and Neglect Prevention Task Force

Mandated Reporter Trainings

- AZ Post/Bar Association Training
- APAAC Training
- AHCCCS CM Training

Successes

- Upcoming: VR Counselors
- Upcoming: AZ Nursing Association
- Upcoming: Financial Institutions
Abuse and Neglect Prevention Task Force

Information Sharing

- Interagency collaboration
- Clarification of confidentiality laws
Abuse and Neglect Prevention Task Force

Successes

**APS Registry**
- Timely updates
- Easy access
- User Friendly

[https://azdhs.gov/licensing/index.php#azcarecheck](https://azdhs.gov/licensing/index.php#azcarecheck)
Abuse and Neglect Prevention Task Force

Training

- NAPSA certification modules
- Expanded New Investigator Training
- Specific modules for risk/safety and DDD/ID to start
APS ACTION PLAN

SUCCESSES

Website Redesign

https://des.az.gov/services/basic-needs/adult-protective-services
APS ACTION PLAN

SUCCESSES

Website Redesign
Community Outreach
APS ACTION PLAN

SUCCESSES

Website Redesign

Community Outreach

Data Dashboard

https://des.az.gov/APSData
APS ACTION PLAN

SUCCESSES

Website Redesign
Community Outreach
Data Dashboard
Retention & Recruitment
APS ACTION PLAN

SUCCESSES

Website Redesign  Community Outreach  Data Dashboard  Retention & Recruitment  Social Work Response
Brief Overview of Services Provided
APS Can

**Report**
- Abuse
- Neglect (including Self-Neglect)
- Exploitation

**Evaluate**
- Protective services
- Request medical and financial records when appropriate

**Refer**
- To other agencies
- To the Public Fiduciary
APS Cannot

Remove an adult from their home

Require an adult to accept services.

Make financial decisions.

Serve as a guardian.

Interfere in a capacitated adult’s lifestyle.

APS has no jurisdiction on tribal lands.
APS Cannot

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WORKING TOGETHER

APS REGISTRY

Updates and Review
**APS Registry**

- Name, Date of Birth, and description of maltreatment
- 25 years
- Publicly available
- Searchable
- Updated Weekly

[https://des.az.gov/APSRegistry](https://des.az.gov/APSRegistry)
Information Sharing

CONFIDENTIALITY AND CROSS-REPORTING

A.R.S. § 46-460
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A. Unless otherwise provided by law, all personally identifying information concerning any person who is involved in an adult protective services program, including the reporting source's identity, other than a perpetrator against whom an allegation of abuse, neglect or exploitation has been substantiated pursuant to section 46-458, and all information that is gathered or created by adult protective services and that is contained in adult protective services records is confidential and may not be released except as provided in subsections B, C and D of this section.
A.R.S. § 46-460
During an investigation APS is authorized to share the information:

- During Supreme Court Proceedings
- With law enforcement
- With partner agencies
A.R.S. § 46-460

During an investigation APS is authorized to share the information:

- During pre-approved judicial proceedings
- With subdivisions of state and tribal governments
A.R.S. § 46-460

During an investigation APS is authorized to share the information when there is an agreement in place, it has been approved by the director, or in other extenuating circumstances.

https://www.azleg.gov/ars/46/00460.htm
Thank you!

Questions? Comments?

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