

# Screening for Decision-Making Ability When Working with APS Clients

## CORE Training



### Description

APS programs vary nationwide in their use of terminology, roles and responsibilities, but the work around decision-making ability and capacity continues to be a common training need. Trying to determine if clients have the ability to make informed decisions about their situations and care is one of the greatest challenges faced by APS professionals. This interactive virtual training will assist APS professionals in identifying the factors that affect their client's decision-making ability and to identify when to seek a formal evaluation.

### Dates and Times

#### Part 1

DATE: March 29, 2022  
TIME: 9 AM- 12 PM  
Platform: ZOOM

#### Part 2

DATE: March 30, 2022  
TIME: 9 AM- 12 PM  
Platform: ZOOM

### Learning Objectives

By the end of this training, participants will be able to:

1. Define autonomy and decision-making incapacity
2. Distinguish between decision-making capacity and decision-making ability
3. Describe factors that may influence a client's decision-making ability
4. Identify key questions and approaches used to screen client decision-making ability, including working with special populations.
5. Identify implications for case planning as a result of a finding of limited decision-making capacity.

### Presenter

**Richard Albrecht** is the Assistant Director for the Institute on Protective Services at Temple University Harrisburg. In this role, Richard coordinates with the PA Department of Aging, County based Area Agencies on Aging and local Law Enforcement to provide expert case consultation in the field of Elder Abuse cases. He is also responsible for, assisting local Area Agencies on Aging and District Attorney staff in the development of Multi-Disciplinary Elder Abuse Task Forces and training front-line staff in protective services. Prior to coming to Temple, Richard worked as an investigator and supervisor of protective services at the local level. Richard graduated from Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, PA with a degree in Psychology and minor in Neuroscience and then went on to study Psychology at the Graduate level at Shippensburg University in Shippensburg, PA where he earned a Master of Science degree in Psychology.

### Intended Audience

This is a NAPSA Core Module (Module 17) and intended audience is new line staff, or experienced staff who would like a refresher.

### Registration

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 14, 2022**

**\*Zoom link will be sent with registration confirmation\***

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