

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Precarious Housing and Homelessness in Older Adults: Resources and Collaboration For APS

This is the **third** workshop in the series: “Effectively Working APS Cases for Persons Experiencing Homelessness”. The series is designed to provide APS professionals with knowledge, practical tools, opportunities to build empathy and to gain a better understanding of what many individuals who are homeless, or precariously housed might work through in order to work more effectively with this population.

In this third and final workshop, APS professionals will gain a basic understanding of how the complex systems of affordable housing and help for people experiencing homelessness have evolved. This workshop was designed to help participants identify and understand strategies that support their client’s ability to navigate through those systems. This includes resources for other basic life needs which can help the money used for housing to stretch further.

After completing this workshop, participants will have insight to how the nation has shaped the response to homelessness on a state and federal level, what resources currently exist and how they can use those resources to help the people they work with. Participants will work individually and in breakout groups to locate and research useable resources and collaborative opportunities for their location and people they specifically work with. This includes an in-depth look at how California is shaping its response to homelessness. Participants will also be given resources to continue their learning process as programs and funding evolve.

Virtual Training

- The following virtual instructional strategies are used throughout the course: lectures, interactive activities/exercises, chat box discussions, large group discussions, breakout rooms, and poll options. PowerPoint slides are used to stimulate discussion and provide visuals on navigating websites.
- Participants will need access to a computer with video conferencing capability and be able to connect to the virtual platform being used to deliver this training. A headset or earbuds with microphone and a video camera are highly encouraged. Participant Manual is a fillable PDF if using Adobe Acrobat. Participants are encouraged to either print a hard copy or ensure access to Adobe Acrobat to allow for highlighting and note taking.

Course Requirements

- There are no course requirements but it is recommended that participants have some experience interviewing clients. It is highly encouraged to have attended Workshops #1 and #2 prior to attending.

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- It is recommended that participants print out **Handout #1-Federal Programs, Handout #4-Additional Resources (Non-Housing)** and **Handout #5-Links to Resources & Continued Education** prior to attending training.

Target Audience

This training is intended for new and experienced line staff, and for supervising staff.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this training participants will be able to:

- Summarize the complex system of affordable housing.
- Identify at least 3 resources available to use within one's APS practice.
- Compare resources for the general homeless population to subpopulations within the community like people involved in the justice system and people living with disabilities.

Plan for ways to stay connected with a changing system of services.