Module #18: Risk Assessment

Intended Audience

This training is intended for entry level Adult Protective Services workers and their MDT partners (e.g. public guardians, public health nurses working with the elderly, mental health professionals, etc.).

Learning Objectives

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

1. Define risk assessment and its function
2. Assess risk factors in the five domains
   - Physical and functional status
   - Mental health status and capacity
   - Living environment
   - Financial
   - Social (risk posed by others, including caretakers and family members)
3. Assess overall levels of risk in terms of severity and urgency
4. Describe the benefits and limitations of risk assessment tools
5. Match appropriate intervention with risk factors.

Competencies

This training specifically addresses the NAPSA competencies regarding the Risk Assessment including:

Overview of Risk Assessment

- Indicators of immediate risk of ANE
- Lethality indicators
- Emergency medical or psychiatric situations
- Impact of illness/disability on client’s ability to protect him/her self
- Environmental hazards
- What to do when client refuses services
Audio /visual aids

1. PowerPoint projector and file
2. Flip chart and markers
3. Participant manuals
4. Red, Yellow and Green “Flags” (Flags can be created from colored paper, Flash cards, etc)

Risk Assessment
Plan of the Day

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<td>Welcome &amp; Introductions: Objectives, Overview of project, housekeeping</td>
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<td>Defining Risk Assessment and its Function</td>
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<td>Assess Risk in Five Domains</td>
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