**Investigating APS Criminal Cases: An Advance Course**

**Self Assessment Prerequisite**

1. Select the four components of the Criminal Justice System that APS works most often with:
	1. Prosecution
	2. Corrections
	3. Judge
	4. Victim Witness Assistance Program
	5. Defense Attorneys
	6. Law Enforcement
	7. All of the above

2. What APS calls a “client”, the Criminal Justice System calls a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. What APS calls an A/P, A/A, or suspected abuser, the Criminal justice System calls a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. The person who represents someone accused of a crime with a duty of loyalty to that person is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. The standard of proof for APS to confirm or sustain an allegation is

1. Reasonable suspicion
2. Preponderance of evidence
3. Clear and convincing evidence
4. Beyond a reasonable doubt

6. Crimes are composed of building blocks called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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8. The three types of evidence to build a case are witnesses, confessions and admissions, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

9. The strongest way to build an older adult or dependent abuse case is:

1. Victim-based
2. Defendant/suspect-based
3. Evidence-based

10. Reasonable suspicion is:

1. Evidence sufficient to allow law enforcement to make an arrest
2. Sufficient evidence to place an offender on a state registry
3. Strong evidence of guilt
4. Unverified information sufficient to initiate an investigation

11. The Criminal Justice System is:

1. Client focused
2. Victim focused
3. Offender focused
4. Child focused

12. APS documentation:

1. Should be sufficient to refresh the APS witness’ memory for court
2. Is a measure of the professionalism of the APS staff member
3. May be admitted in a criminal court
4. Should be provided to the prosecutor in a criminal case to permit the prosecutor to meet discovery requirements
5. All of the above

13. APS investigators should focus on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the start of their investigation.

1. What
2. Motive
3. How

14. How many elements of a crime must be proven to meet the beyond a reasonable doubt legal standard of proof?

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2. More than Half
3. All
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15. In the following Crime Statute, CA Penal Code 273.5, select the first element that has to be proven:

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2. With intent to harm
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