

California APS Consistency in Determining Findings Multi-Module Virtual Skill Building Training



Description

In this engaging advanced virtual training, participants receive the opportunity to build upon the foundations learned in the prerequisite eLearning and practice determining findings to create consistency throughout the state. It is packed with practice scenarios to help participants work through the **California APS Standards for Consistency in Determining Findings Matrix** and better understand the findings standards set forth in the **Guiding Principles for Consistency in Determining Findings**. Participants will also have an opportunity to write findings in rational narrative, providing a framework for presenting logical justification for findings.

This course has been developed as a blended learning composed of an eLearning and two virtual modules, including individual practice. Participants will first complete the eLearning to gain the foundation needed for the virtual skill-building modules.

Dates and Times

Los Angeles: **COHORT 1**

DAY 1: Module 1 & 2: August 18, 2021
TIME: 9:00AM-12:00PM
Platform: ZOOM

DAY 2: Module 3: August 19, 2021
TIME: 9:00AM-11:30AM
Platform: ZOOM

Learning Objectives

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

- Determine potential abuse by identifying the abuse indicators, using the *CA APS Standards for Consistency in Determining Findings Matrix*.
- Critique if evidence meets the abuse type's legal components (Essential Defining Elements, interpreted from the Welfare & Institutions Code) during scenario based skill practice.
- Construct a findings rational narrative that includes the components required for it to be descriptive and complete.

Course Requirements

To receive completion credit, each of the following is required:

- **Prerequisite:** 60-90min [eLearning](https://theacademy.sdsu.edu/programs/apswi/advanced-training/aps-consistency-in-findings/) (<https://theacademy.sdsu.edu/programs/apswi/advanced-training/aps-consistency-in-findings/>)
 - ✓ Complete the CA APS Consistency in Findings eLearning within 3 months of attending the first Virtual Workshop on August 18th. If participants have completed the eLearning prior to May 1st, 2021, it is recommended they complete the course again to receive full credit for the training.
- **Module 1**
 - ✓ Attend Day 1 (Virtual Classroom via Zoom) August 18, 2021
- **Module 2**
 - ✓ Complete Individual Practice on own.
 - ✓ Enter findings from Individual Practice into the online learning activity (link provided after completion of Day 1)
- **Module 3** (Zoom link for Day 2 will be provided after completion of Day 1)
 - ✓ Attend Day 2 (Virtual Classroom via Zoom) August 19, 2021

Intended Audience

This training is intended for those who conduct investigations and determine case findings. However, all levels of APS staff including but not limited to lineworkers, supervisors, managers, and program support specialists are strongly encouraged to attend.

Registration

REGISTRATION PROCESS: Please register through your county training coordinator.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 2, 2021

Zoom link will be sent with registration confirmation

Presenter

Sara Stratton is an experienced Adult Protective Services Supervisor and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Her experience with San Francisco's APS program spans 20 years and includes supervision of San Francisco's Master's level APS caseworkers and development of APS program components and policies and procedures. She supervised San Francisco's Hoarding and Cluttering pilot program in collaboration with Boston's Housing Partnership Program. Ms. Stratton's protective services career also includes APS program supervision for Sacramento County as well as a Child Protective Services court investigator. She provides training on the APS program for San Francisco and other California counties through association with University of California, Davis. Ms. Stratton is also part of the research team for the Administration for Community Living's Elder Justice Innovation Grant to study APS outcomes for services provided by APS to at-risk adults.

Continuing Education

This course meets the qualifications for continuing education credits for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs, and/or LEPs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. The Academy is approved by the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists to sponsor continuing education for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs and LEPs, Provider #91928. The Academy is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider # BRN CEP15014. The Academy maintains responsibility for this program and its content. Certificates will be available for download 5-7 business days after course completion. Click here for information on how to [obtain CE Certificates](#).

