

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### ***RESPONDING TO APS CASES INVOLVING ADULTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS***

This is the **second 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 gain a better understanding of what many individuals who are homeless experience in order to work more effectively with this population.

The goal of this workshop is to build on the foundational concepts in Workshop #1 and provide opportunities to broaden APS professionals’ skills when working with people who are experiencing homelessness. These cases are often complex and this workshop allows participants to understand more about this complexity and see the intense reality they may endure when out in the field. Working through expected challenges in training, moves APS professionals towards confidence and critical thinking with these cases in their day-to-day work. Throughout this workshop, participants will take best practices from the field of Homelessness Outreach, tailor and apply them to the purpose of Adult Protective Services.

#### **Virtual Training:**

- The following virtual instructional strategies are used throughout the course: short lectures (lecturettes), interactive activities/exercises including breakout rooms, chat box discussions, large group discussions, and self-reflection. PowerPoint slides are used to stimulate discussion.
- 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, typing in comments and filling out worksheets.

#### **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 Workshop #1 prior to attending Workshop #2.

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**Target Audience:** This workshop is intended for new or experienced line staff.

**Learning Objectives:**

After completion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Summarize the unique traits, challenges and needs experienced by people who are at risk of or are experiencing homelessness
- Identify effective methods and plan for challenges when conducting outreach and engagement
- Apply practical techniques when completing the initial assessment with individuals experiencing homelessness
- Develop their own personal plan to encourage self-care and build resiliency as an APS professional