

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Course Title: *Financial Abuse in Estate Planning: Documents and Misuses*

In this interactive and thought-provoking advance training, participants learn the foundations of estate planning and its relation to financial abuse. They learn how to identify estate planning documents to enhance their investigations into financial abuse allegations including specific areas of actual and potential abuse. Participants will gain insight into the use and role of conservatorships for their clients and learn investigation and interviewing techniques including how to document their investigations so that they are more likely to be accepted for prosecution.

The following instructional strategies are used: lecture segments; interactive activities/exercises (e.g. small group discussion and document identification); question/answer periods; PowerPoint slides; participant manual (encourages self-questioning and interaction with the content information);

Course Requirements: It is suggested that participants have a year of experience investigating financial abuse allegations and understanding of interview techniques.

Outcome Objectives for Participants:

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

1. Identify all relevant estate planning documents
2. Recognize the role and list options for Conservatorships in relation to financial abuse
3. Understand mental capacity as it relates to estate planning
4. Identify how to access and use estate planning documents for investigations into financial abuse
5. Demonstrate important documentation skills for investigations for maximum potential of prosecution of financial abuse.

After this course, APS professionals will have gained increased confidence and knowledge in navigating estate planning concerns and areas for potential abuse.

Target Audience: This course is designed for experienced APS professionals as well as Aging & Adult Service partners (e.g. In-Home Supportive Services, Long-Term Care Ombudsman).