

# *SafetyNetWorks*

*Information for Elder-Adult-at-Risk and Adult-at-Risk Agencies*  
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*“Every action taken by Adult Protective Services must balance the duty to protect the safety of the vulnerable adult with the adult’s right to self-determination.”*

This document provides a link to the guiding principles of adult protective services as developed by the National Adult Protective Services Association. This may be used as a guide for staff. It may also be helpful in your partnerships with other agencies that do not always understand the roles of elder adults/adults-at-risk and adult protective services staff, especially when it comes to your responsibility to respect self-determination.

**National Adult Protective Services Association Principles and Practice Guidelines:**  
**<http://www.apsnetwork.org/About/ethics.htm>**

## **WHAT IS THE NATIONAL ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES ASSOCIATION?**

The National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) provides a forum for adult protective services professionals at the national, state and local levels to share information, solve problems, and improve the quality of services for elder adults/adults-at-risk. The mission of NAPSA is to strengthen the capacity of Adult Protective Services to effectively and efficiently recognize, report and respond to the needs of elder adults/adults-at-risk who have experienced abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and to prevent such abuse whenever possible.

NAPSA conducts annual national training events, research and innovation in the field of Adult Protective Services. NAPSA also provides technical assistance on a wide variety of subjects such as curriculum development, resource improvements and data collection. The organization publishes a twice-yearly newsletter written for and by members that highlights innovative practices and activities throughout the nation. In addition, members regularly share with one another publications, ideas, and copies of state statutes and materials for new projects.

To learn more about the National Adult Protective Services Association, see  
<http://www.apsnetwork.org/>

## **QUESTIONS**

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