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ADULT MALTREATMENT PREVENTION & AWARENESS NEWS

Perseverance is defined by Merriam-Webster as continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition. Perseverance and change are the most referenced reasons people attribute to their achieving success.

What does it look like to persevere to the end and achieve your goals? To fully appreciate perseverance, it is helpful to take a deeper dive in to the journey that someone took to achieve their goals.

For instance, take an adult that is currently living in a situation where they are being verbally and emotionally abused on a daily basis. In order for this adult to truly be free from abuse, they must move out of the home where they are currently receiving assistance with most activities of daily living.

So, this adult has set a goal to become more independent with their activities of daily living and move to a new home. Although the adult may seek outside assistance they will still have to persevere through ongoing abuse, strenuous physical therapy and locating affordable alternate housing to achieve their goals.

Success for this adult is not only being free from abuse, but also the ability to independently meet their needs.

Perseverance is not a straight, continuous line for everyone. Sometimes you must make adjustments to your plan. Sometimes you may need to take a break and regroup.

Winston Churchill once said that "success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."

Although perseverance is an individual asset, it came be extremely beneficial in the work that we do with adult maltreatment. If we build upon skills that support perseverance we can improve our productivity, increase confidence, improve problem-solving skills, increase resilience, and improve our relationships.

- April 23rd, 2024, 2 p.m. ET
  Strategies to Address Social Isolation and Loneliness for People Living with Dementia and their Caregivers - Register Here
- April 25th, 2024, 2 p.m.—3 p.m. ET
  Financial Exploitation and Family Dynamics - Register Here
- May 2nd, 2024, 3 p.m. ET
  The Road to Housing with a Changing Economy and Limited Funding - Register Here

APS Data Dashboards are now available at HTTPS://KYESTEAM.KY.GOV

The APS Data Dashboard is a tool that can be used to gain some insight into the types of referrals, where referrals are located and the demographics of adults that are being served by APS. APS data is updated monthly and is subject to change due to additional information obtained over the course of an investigation/assessment. Variations in data may be the result of adult relocation, case closures, and information received from multiple sources on the same adult. Due to changes in data collection over the years, trend comparisons may not be entirely comparable.

Dashboards:

- APS Referrals by Age

   This dashboard can be used to look at the total number of referrals that met criteria in various age ranges. The dashboard allows for the data to be viewed based on selections of a fiscal year, age range and service regions.

- APS Referrals by Region

   This dashboard can be used to look at the total number of referrals, total number of referrals that met criteria and the total number of adults that received an investigation in each service region. This dashboard allows for the data to be viewed based on selections of a fiscal year and service region(s). The map may be zoomed in on in order to identify specific counties that fall in that particular region.

- APS Referrals by Maltreatment Type

   This dashboard can be used to look at the total number of referrals that met criteria for a specific type of referral (i.e., abuse, neglect, general adult). This dashboard allows for the data to be viewed based on selections of a fiscal year and service region.

- APS Referrals by Gender

   This dashboard can be used to look at the total number of referrals that met criteria for a specific gender. This dashboard allows for the data to be viewed based on selections of a fiscal year and service region.

- APS Referrals by Race

   This dashboard can be used to look at the total number of referrals that met criteria for various races. This dashboard allows for the data to be viewed based on selections of fiscal year and service region.

"WHAT IS AN MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT)?"

An MDT is a group of individuals, from three or more disciplines, who are working together for a common purpose or shared goal.

These groups are typically characterized by five elements: shared decision-making, partnership, interdependency, balanced power, and process.

Shared decision-making is when everyone on the team participates in the meeting by sharing information and having a voice in the decisions that need to be made.

Partnership is when the MDT establishes the roles and responsibilities of each participant/agency through a formal memorandum of understanding or interagency agreement.

Interdependency is when the individual outcomes are influenced by the team. This means that successes are a result of the MDT, not just individuals.

Balanced power is when everyone at the table has equal input, and no individual is able to dominate the group.

Process is the development of policies or protocols to determine how the case review process is going to work. This process should also include avenues for conflict resolution.

MDTs can be utilized to address a variety of cases that deal with adult maltreatment. It is possible to design an MDT that is single issue focused (i.e., fatality reviews) or more generic. The important piece to remember is that MDT should be victim-focused and designed to address systemic shortcomings through system coordination.

Remember that complex cases require complex responses that no one agency can provide alone. MDTs create partnerships that have the possibility of benefiting the adult that is being served. MDTs can create integrated services, improve collaborations, create individualized solutions as well as many other benefits for the adults, agencies, and communities.

If you would like additional information please visit Elder Justice Initiative (EJI) | 1: Introduction to Multidisciplinary Teams | United States Department of Justice.

RESOURCES

- **Social Isolation, Loneliness, and Elder Maltreatment (Rev 1/24)** - Click To Access
- **Guardianship Data Reform** - Click To Access
- **Sexual Abuse in Later Life: Believing and Supporting Older Survivors** – Click To Access
- **Taking Action: An Advocate's Guide to Assisting Victims of Financial Fraud** – Click To Access

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Which animal loves April Fools' Day?

A Silly Goose