



Staying Connected: Adult Maltreatment Prevention & Awareness News

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Inspiring Solutions!!!

13 Ways to Inspire and Motivate People in the Workplace | Indeed.com

Hold Yourself To A High Standard

Modeling behavior helps others to see things can be done. Set up criteria for the standards that you will operate by.

Express Empathy

"Empathy is a powerful way to create connections that foster inspiration, as it often requires people to validate the emotions of other individuals."

Show Appreciation

All of us want to be appreciated. Consider when you receive a compliment about a skill or talent that you have, mention the people who were a big influence to you.

Use Storytelling Techniques

"Story protagonists are often influential figures, as they can overcome their obstacles and show confidence, so framing someone as a protagonist can help you highlight their positive qualities."

Empower Others

"Empowering others involves offering someone opportunities to exercise their core strengths and increase their overall confidence."

As we continue looking to inspire solutions to end adult maltreatment, we will need to spend some time on learning about our audience.

Each of us will have a different audience that we will need to focus on. If you are working on state level advocacy your audience will be everyone in the state. If you are a community level advocate you will focus primarily on your local community.

How you engage your audience is going to determine how successful you are with your solutions.

A good starting point is to do some research. Take some time and try to understand the history of the area of the state that you are trying to support. Learn about the culture, the traditions and the historical struggles.

In learning about the past we are more able to tailor our approaches to ensure that we are successful in our initial engagement.

As a part of that research, it may be helpful to gather some demographic information about the area. For instance, it may help your efforts to know exactly how many people would benefit from your solutions.

If we were looking at this from a state level, we could look at the number of people that have been diagnosed with a disability. According to data from 2021, 1,330,951 adults have a diagnosed disability in the state of Kentucky ([Disability & Health U.S. State Profile Data: Kentucky | CDC](#)). This represents about 37% of adults in Kentucky.

Although not all adults with a disability experience abuse, neglect or exploitation, it provides us with a good

starting point of who may be one segment of our audience.

Now that we have established some historical background information, we can now look at improving our perceptions of our audience.

If we are part of our audience (i.e. a member of the community) we are going to have some pre-conceived notions or bias that we may need to address.

If we can perceive clearly what our audience is interested in, what they need and what motivates them, we have a better chance of successfully communicating with them.

We will take a deeper dive next month in to some strategies to help with perception.

Another avenue to gain insight into your audience's needs and wants is to conduct a survey. This can be done in person, via telephone or online. The most difficult thing about a survey is getting people to participate.

If you ask the right questions in the right way, you can get back valuable information from the people that do participate.

The best way for you to get to know your audience is to get out there and talk to them one-on-one. You don't have to talk with them about what you are trying to do just yet, but just start building the relationship and gain insights.

If you have built some relationships within your community before you start working on your solutions, you will have an easier time communicating what is needed to move forward with ending adult maltreatment.



We all know an amazing human, so take some time to share some inspirational stories about how this human is making the world a better place.

Email your stories or recommendations to Cliff.Bryant@ky.gov



Using Administrative Data to Improve Adult Protective Services:

A Report of the APS Administrative Data Initiative
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Preventing Abuse and Mistreatment of People Living with Dementia:

Reflections upon Release of the New Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI) Road Map
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Health Brain Initiative (HBI) Road Map (Alzheimer's Association)
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Adult Protective Services and Multidisciplinary Partnerships
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The Impact of Adult Protective Services on Client Outcomes: Findings from a Multi-State Study.
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Why do pirates hate May, June, July and August?

Because they don't have aRRRRR's in them!



8/23/23 5:30pm (ET)
Bystander Awareness Intervention Training
[Register Here](#)

8/23/23 1:00pm (ET)
Fireside Chat on Elder Justice Policy
[Register Here](#)

On Demand Webinar
RISE: A Community-Based Elder Abuse and Self-Neglect Response Intervention Addressing a Critical System
[Click Here](#)

"How can I receive training about Adult Protective Services"

Have you ever asked yourself how you can get more information about Adult Protective Services (APS)?

Have you ever had someone reach out to you and ask questions about APS and you were not sure how to answer?

The go to resource for APS in Kentucky is the Empowering Solutions To End Adult Maltreatment website ([KY ESTEAM - Home Page](#)).

This page will link you to trainings through an Education/Training tab at the top or by scrolling down to "preview elder topics."

Once you are on the education/training page, you will have the option to review some educational materials on abuse, neglect and exploitation. You can also review some case scenarios to gain some insights about the intake and investigative process.

Also on this page you may request training through a submission portal under the request training tab. Currently there are 3 training options.

- KRS 209—Adult Protective Services Statute
- What is the Caregiver Misconduct Registry?
- What are the indicators of abuse/neglect and exploitation of adults?

Lastly on this page, you can click on the training tab and take the newly produced "Mandated Reporter Training". This training is two modules and will take less than an hour to complete. It will provide you much of the same information you would receive in an in-person training.

If the trainings that are currently available do not meet your needs, please feel free to reach out to the Adult Protection Branch (502-564-7043) to see about alternatives.

You can also submit a request through the contact us feature on the website.