

**MANDATORY TRAINING FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROFESSIONALS:  
PROVISIONS AND CITATIONS IN ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES LAWS, BY STATE**

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STATE	STATUTORY PROVISION(S) AND CITATION(S)
Florida	(1) The department shall develop rules governing preservice and inservice training for adult protective investigation staff and, within available resources, shall provide appropriate preservice and inservice training to such staff. (2) Within available resources, the department shall cooperate with other appropriate agencies in developing and providing preservice and inservice training programs for those persons specified in s. 415.1034(1)(a). Fla. Stat. Ann. § 415.1105
Georgia	The Department of Human Resources, the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia, and the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education shall develop programs for the education and training of social services, criminal justice, and judicial professionals concerning the abuse and exploitation of persons who are 65 years of age or older. Said agencies, together with any other agency of this state which is involved in the investigation of the abuse or exploitation of persons who are 65 years of age or older, are directed to cooperate in the development of such training programs to the extent allowable under Article I, Section II, Paragraph III of the Constitution of this state. Ga. Code Ann. § 30-5-10
Iowa	The department shall require an educational program for employees of the registry on the proper use and control of dependent adult abuse information. Iowa Code Ann. § 235B.16(6)
Kentucky	The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall provide for sufficient social worker staff to implement the provisions of this chapter. This staff shall obtain the training provided under KRS 194A.545 [which provides that “(1) The secretary for health and family services shall develop an initial training course and continuing education courses for employees of the Department for Community Based Services concerning the dynamics of domestic violence and elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation; effects of domestic violence and elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation on adult and child victims; legal remedies for protection; lethality and risk issues; model protocols for addressing domestic violence; available community resources and victim services; and reporting requirements. The

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	training shall be developed in consultation with legal, victim services, victim advocacy, and mental health professionals with an expertise in domestic violence.”]. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 209.170
Louisiana	The adult protection agency shall also be responsible for ongoing inservice training for its staff which assures adequate performance. La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 403.2(L)
Minnesota	The commissioners of health, human services, and public safety shall cooperate in the development of a joint program for education of lead agency investigators in the appropriate techniques for investigation of complaints of maltreatment. This program must be developed by July 1, 1996. The program must include but need not be limited to the following areas: (1) information collection and preservation; (2) analysis of facts; (3) levels of evidence; (4) conclusions based on evidence; (5) interviewing skills, including specialized training to interview people with unique needs; (6) report writing; (7) coordination and referral to other necessary agencies such as law enforcement and judicial agencies; (8) human relations and cultural diversity; (9) the dynamics of adult abuse and neglect within family systems and the appropriate methods for interviewing relatives in the course of the assessment or investigation; (10) the protective social services that are available to protect alleged victims from further abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation; (11) the methods by which lead agency investigators and law enforcement workers cooperate in conducting assessments and investigations in order to avoid duplication of efforts; and (12) data practices laws and procedures, including provisions for sharing data. Minn. Stat. Ann. § 626.557, Subd. 9e. (a)
New Jersey	The commissioner [of community affairs] or his designee shall establish a training program for county protective services provider staff which shall be offered at least annually and shall include a minimum of 90 classroom hours. This training shall be required during the first year of employment with an adult protective services provider. N.J. Stat. Ann. § 52:27D-422
North Dakota	The department, in cooperation with county social service boards and law enforcement agencies, shall institute a program of education and training for the department, the department's designee, and law enforcement agency staff and other persons who provide adult protective services. N.D. Cent. Code § 50-25.2-13(2)
Oregon (APS) Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 430.735 – 430.768 ( <i>applicable only to persons 18 or older who are mentally ill or developmentally disabled and receive services from a community program or facility</i> )	Any designee of the Department of Human Services who makes a determination or conducts an investigation under ORS 430.743 or 430.745 shall receive training and consultation that is necessary to allow the designee to make the determination or conduct a thorough and unbiased investigation. The training required under this section shall address the cultural and social diversity of the people of this state. Or. Rev. Stat. § 430.746

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Virginia	To establish minimum standards of training and provide educational opportunities to qualify social workers in the field of adult protective services to determine whether reports of adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation are substantiated. The Department shall establish, and the Board shall approve, a uniform training program for adult protective services workers in the Commonwealth. All adult protective services workers shall complete such training within one year from the date of implementation of the training program or within the first year of their employment; Va. Code Ann. § 63.2-1604(4)

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