TRIO: Tool for Risk, Interventions and Outcomes

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Challenges Facing APS Systems

- Unstable funding and increased accountability
- Changing landscape of the aging population
- Bifurcated social work/health care system
- Lack of federally supported infrastructure
- Lack of a standardized approach to investigation and assessment
- Event/allegation driven approach
- Lack of outcome measures

The Missing Link.....

A comprehensive evidenced-based framework and measurement process to provide guidance to APS social workers ensuring consistency in practice and improving outcomes for clients served

APS Framework: Social Work Practice Model

- Bio-psycho-social assessment
- Person in environment fit

APS Framework: Progressive Nature of Abuse/Neglect

• Worsens over time without appropriate intervention

Periods of stability

Tipping points

"Although longitudinal data are absent, it seems probable that elder abuse situations may follow a pattern similar to disease progression, which would include lead time prior to the manifestation of active signs and symptoms; periods of 'remission'; and critical points in which mistreatment becomes more intensive or acute"

National Academy of Sciences. 2003 Elder Mistreatment Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation in an Aging America



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Link to online demonstration

- Designed by social workers for social workers
- Follows social work practice
- Contains agreed-upon terminology for consistency
- Forms a client profile based on cluster of elements
- Guides, but does not direct
- Documents the work of the APS social worker
- Measures progress toward goal: to improve, stabilize or reduce the rate of decline in safety, stability and health
- Measures prognosis of recurrence
- Measures an agreed-upon goal to eliminate or reduce the protective issue

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The Ventura County APS Model

- Regularly scheduled Supervision
- Curb-side consulting
- Regularly scheduled MDTs
- Integrated medical/social work
- Use of evidenced based tools
- TRIO
- Robust case management system



TRIO Outcomes November 1, 2011 to September 5, 2014

Total Episodes n= 4,764 CONFIRMED Episodes of ABUSE/NEGLECT (n= 2,293)

	Episodes with Social Work Only	Episodes with Social Work + In- Home Nursing	Difficult Episodes Presented to Rapid Response MDT	Difficult Episodes Presented to FAST
	n = 1,572	n= 549	n=159	n = 13
Protective Issue unresolved	27%	19%	24%	15%
Protective Issue eliminated or reduced	73%	81%	76%	85%
Total (rounding with rounding errors)	100%	100%	100%	100%

Statistically significant differences found using chi-square test (p<.01)

180-Day Recidivism by Prognosis

Prognosis for recidivism (evaluated at case closure) and actual 180-day APS recidivism were closely related



Statistically significant difference (p<.001)

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The APS TRIO

The TRIO is a model for standardizing practice

Designed and developed by social workers for social workers

Documents the work, guides practice and measures client and program outcomes

Available at no cost including training by Linda Henderson

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