

Overview of Adult Protective Services & EDAPT

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What is Adult Protective Services?

Adult Protective Services (APS) agencies investigate reports of abuse of elders and dependent adults who live in private homes, apartments, hotels or hospitals

Effective 1/1/2022 an older adult is defined as someone 60+; A dependent adult are between the age of 18 and 59 years old.



APS is an entirely voluntary service. A client may refuse to cooperate with APS at any time. If a penal code section has been violated, law enforcement would take the lead in a criminal investigation.

APS seeks to respect self-determination to the greatest extent possible and offer the least restrictive services to clients.

If a client lacks capacity to give consent, a petition for conservatorship may be initiated.

APS Does Not

Take control of clients (i.e., 5150, place clients)

Force clients out of their homes

Make medical diagnoses

Share confidential information without legal authority

Get involved with or solve family disputes

Deliver meals

Enter the home without permission

Force people to accept services

Six Types of Elder Abuse Exist



Types of Elder Abuse

Learn how signs of elder abuse differ from normal aging to prevent elder abuse before it happens.

Elder financial abuse includes

Taking money or property

Forging an older person's signature

Getting an older person to sign a deed, will, or power of attorney through deception, coercion, or undue influence

Telemarketing scams. Perpetrators call victims and use deception, scare tactics, or exaggerated claims to get them to send money.

San Mateo County Elder & Dependent Adult Protection Team



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***EDAPT** is a multidisciplinary team dedicated to three objectives:*

1. streamlining and facilitating the investigation and prosecution of elder and dependent adult abuse
2. coordinating supportive services to victims
3. raising awareness through targeted outreach to the community and training for potential responders



- It is important to remember that you do not have to KNOW the abuse occurred, you just need to have a suspicion that abuse may have occurred.



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