

Adult Protective Services Program Data Report for March 2013

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In March 2013 the Adult Services Reporting line received 252 intakes. This is an increase from both January (150) and February (188) in overall intakes.

In March 2013, 40% (99) of the total intakes were opened and assigned for further investigation by APS investigators; 60% were not opened for investigation either because the alleged victim did not meet the statutory definition of vulnerable adult or the allegation did not meet the statutory definition of abuse, neglect or exploitation. As the number of intakes not opened for investigation has risen over the past month, we have added additional monitoring of the intake unit to survey for patterns and for potential training needs.

The actual number of cases opened in March was 99, an increase from 84 cases opened in February and 69 cases opened in January. Of the 70 cases closed in March, 7 cases, or 10%, were substantiated for abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

From February 2013 to March 2013, average caseloads per investigator rose from 14 to 16 and the number of open cases rose from 187 to 213.

Veda Lyon, the APS Program Chief, and Suzanne Leavitt, the Division Director, conducted a "Listening Tour" of the five Area Agencies on Aging. The goal of the tour was to elicit information on how the Agencies feel the program is functioning and to learn of any unaddressed concerns. We learned there are varying opinions and thoughts about what exactly constitutes a "vulnerable adult". In response, a Vulnerable Adult Workgroup was created to address the differing perspectives and to develop a common understanding of "vulnerable adult". We were pleased to learn that all agencies were very happy with, and had much praise for their local APS Investigator.

This month APS launched a new online reporting system. Our old online reporting system did not allow reporters to print a "receipt" of their online report. With the new system, reporters are able to print out a receipt of the report they submitted. APS staff is currently offering trainings to agencies and other providers on how to use the online reporting system.

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APS Program Data for 2013						
	JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH	
Intakes Entered	150		188		252	
Closed Contacts (Upon Screening)	73	51%	90	52%	148	60%
Investigations Assigned	69	49%	84	48%	99	40%
Completed Investigations	90		70		70	
Substantiated	9		10		7	10%
Unsubstantiated	81		60		62	
Perpetrators placed on registry	20		3		9	
Total Open Cases (Weekly Average)	173		187		213	
Case Load (Weekly Average)	13		14		16	

SFY	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	CY12	2013YTD
% of Intake Investigated	63%	44%	50%	40%	45%	48%	43%

APS Program Data CY 2013

		JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH	
		Sub	Unsub	Sub	Unsub	Sub	Unsub
Victim Demographics							
	Female	6	45	5	40	5	37
	Male	4	25	3	16	2	25

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	Sub	Unsub	Sub	Unsub	Sub	Unsub
Victim's Age - Approximate if necessary						
18-59	5	25	3	25	4	27
60-79	3	25	3	17	1	19
80+	2	20	2	14	2	16
Allegation						
Abuse	5	31	3	29	3	26
Neglect	0	22	0	12	2	26
Exploitation	7	31	7	26	5	12
Victim's Vulnerability						
Physically Disabled	5	16	5	15	0	12
Elderly and/or Frail	1	25	3	16	2	33
Mentally Disabled	4	47	2	29	6	17
County Totals						
Addison	0	5	0	2		4
Bennington	1	4	0	5	0	6
Caledonia	0	3	1	4	1	0
Chittenden	3	16	2	10	2	11
Essex	0	0	0	1	0	3
Franklin	2	2	2	4	0	4
Grand Isle	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Lamoille	0	2	0	2	0	3
Orange	0	3	0	2	0	2
Orleans	1	1	0	4	0	1
Rutland	1	10	0	4	2	6
Washington	1	6	2	6	1	10
Windham	1	13	1	4	0	6
Windsor	0	5	0	8	1	6

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	JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH	
	Sub	Unsub	Sub	Unsub	Sub	Unsub
Living Arrangements						
Own Home	8	30	6	30	3	28
ALR, RCH, NH, TCR	1	11	2	11	2	8
Hospital	0	2	0	2	0	1
Shared Living Home	0	3	0	3	0	1
Relative's home	1	3	0	3	1	0
Other	0	7	0	7	1	24
Relationship to Reporter						
Relative	2	9	0	3	1	4
Staff in Licensed Facility	0	12	4	10	0	6
Other Professional -	6	35	1	28	5	29
Home Health Staff	1	7	0	7	0	7
Other	1	3	3	6	1	16
Friend	0	4	0	2	0	0

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Victims Relationship to Perp						
Family Member	3	40	5	27	1	20
Caregiver	3	8	0	1	1	5
Licensed Facility Staff	0	3	1	5	0	2
Friend	1	10	0	8	0	4
Neighbor	0	3	0	0	1	1
Licensed Facility Resident	1	4	0	1	0	2
Other	2	2	2	14	4	28
Referred for Investigation						
Police	0	1	1	1	2	7
S&C	1	4	0	4	2	11
OPR	0	3	0	3	0	0
VNA	0	1	0	1	0	2
AAA	0	1	0	1	0	11
HHA	0	1	0	1	0	0
Other	0	2	0	2	3	12
Protective Services						
Alerted Financial Institutions of misappropriation of Funds	0		0	0	0	0
Change of Rep Payee	0	1	1	0	0	1
Close or Change Banking or other Account	0		0	0	0	0

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Conducted joint investigations with law enforcement	0	4	1	1	2	4
Filed No Trespass Order	0		0	0	0	0
Filed Temporary Relief from Abuse Order	0	1	0	1	1	0
Intervening in cases of Identity Theft	0		0	0	0	0
Misuse of Funds reported to Social Security	0		0	0	0	0
Petitioning for Guardianship	0		0	0	1	0
Removal from Court Appointed Guardian	0		0	0	0	0
Other	0	3	0	0	0	7