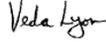


Adult Protective Services Program  
Data Report for September 2013

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Attached please find the September 2013 monthly data for Adult Protective Services (APS) program.

In September 2013 APS received a total of 319 reports.

A. Of the total reports received:

- 1) 118 (37%) were referred to the Survey and Certification Unit for screening and further action.  
Of these:
  - a) 54 were reports of resident to resident/ patient to patient abuse; and
  - b) 64 were complaints about a licensed facility.
- 2) Of the remaining 201 (63%) reports:
  - a) 97 (48%) were opened for investigation; and
  - b) 104 (52%) were closed as contacts, including seventeen reports (17) related to cases opened by prior report and/or previously investigated; and six (6) reports of self-neglect.

B. September reports were slightly down from August but reflect an overall upward reporting trend since January. Between January – September 2013 APS received a total of 2, 601 reports and of these:

- 1) 590 (23%) were received between January – March 2013.
- 2) 977 (37%) were received between April – June 2013; and
- 3) 1034 (40%) were received between July – September 2013.

C. Caseload details:

- 1) The average weekly caseload per Investigator was 34. Investigative caseloads range from 14-45 per Investigator, dependent upon assigned region and supervisory responsibilities.
- 2) APS has had one FTE Investigator vacancy in northwestern Vermont since July. We have completed interviews and anticipate filling this position by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 3) The September average weekly number of open cases was 342 compared to:
  - a) 361 in August
  - b) 345 in July
  - c) 327 in June
  - d) 295 in May

September's average is line with prior months, showing a slight upward trend since May. This may relate to the increased number of reports and/or the staff vacancy within our field investigative team.

D. Investigation Closures:

- 1) 93 investigations were completed in September (compare to 123 in August and 118 in July). Of completed investigations:
  - a) 11(12%) were closed as Substantiated.
  - b) 82 (88%) were closed as Unsubstantiated.
- 2) 14 perpetrators' names were placed on the Adult Abuse Registry

\* *APS September 2013 Data/Report*  
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