

# PREPARING CALIFORNIA'S ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAMS FOR FEDERAL INITIATIVES

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# GOALS OF THE SESSION

**Define Elder Justice in Relationship to Emerging Demographic Trends**

**Review Federal Policy, Legislation, and Budget Initiatives that Impact Local Government**

**Evaluate the Current Status of APS in California Within this Federal Context**

**Discuss Recommendations for Improving Local and Statewide Preparedness for Federal Elder Justice Initiatives**

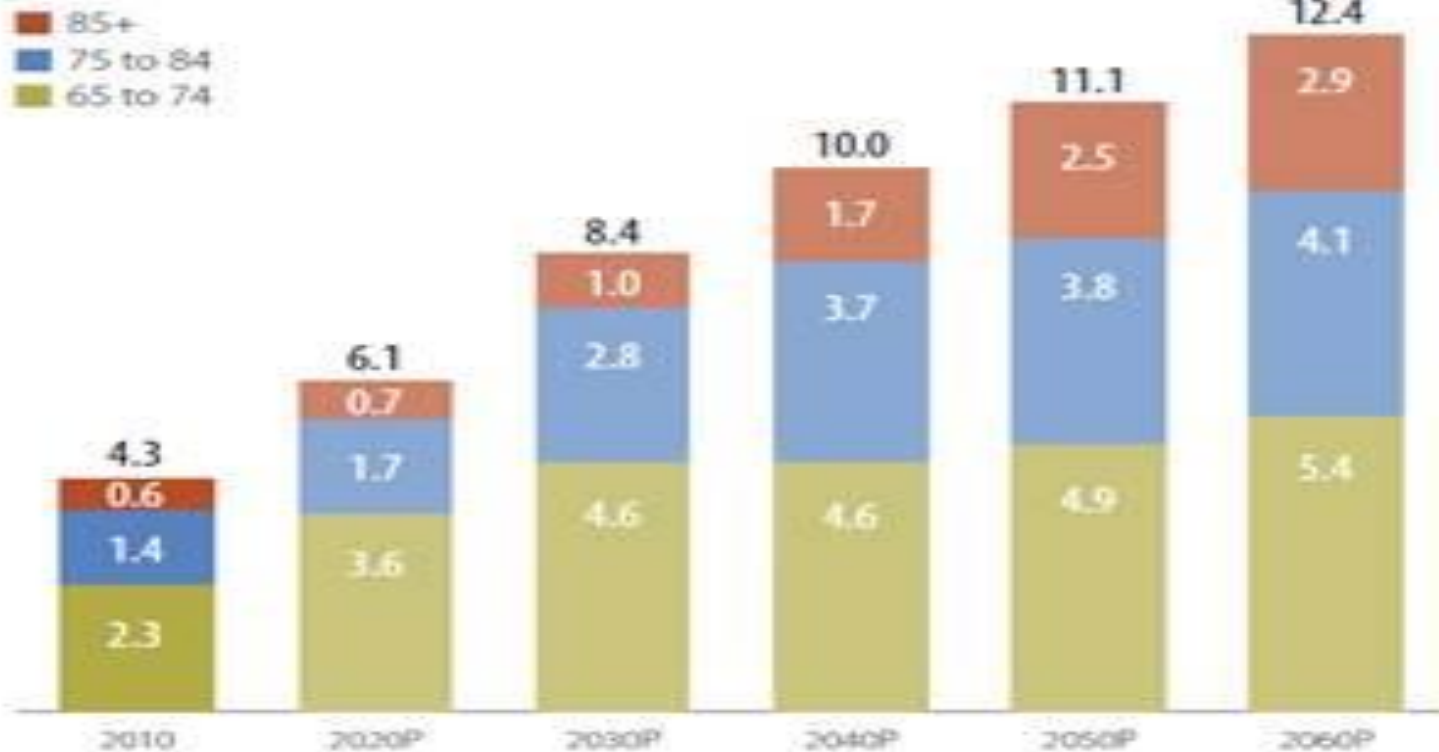
# The Age Wave Is Hitting Shore



# TRENDS IN CALIFORNIA

## California's Aging Population 2010 to 2060, selected years

PROJECTED NUMBER OF RESIDENTS, AGE 65 AND OLDER (IN MILLIONS)



Notes: Data for 2010 to 2060 are projections. Segments may not add to total due to rounding.

Source: California Department of Finance, Report #7 (Age): State and County Population Projections by Major Age Group, 2010-2060 (January 2015). [www.dof.ca.gov](http://www.dof.ca.gov)

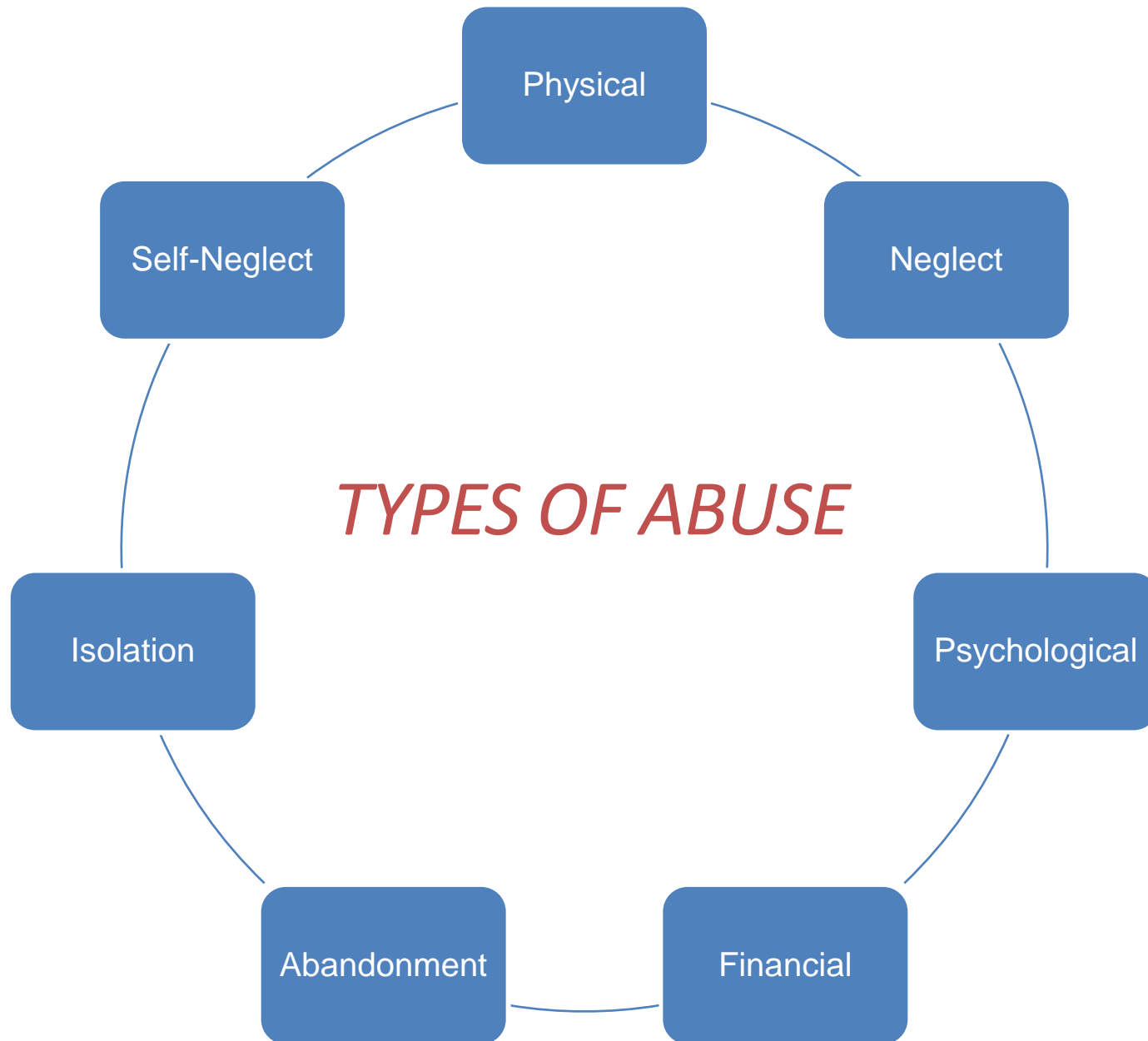
# ALZHEIMER'S PREVALENCE IN 2050



8 Million People Over  
Age 85 with Alzheimer's  
Disease

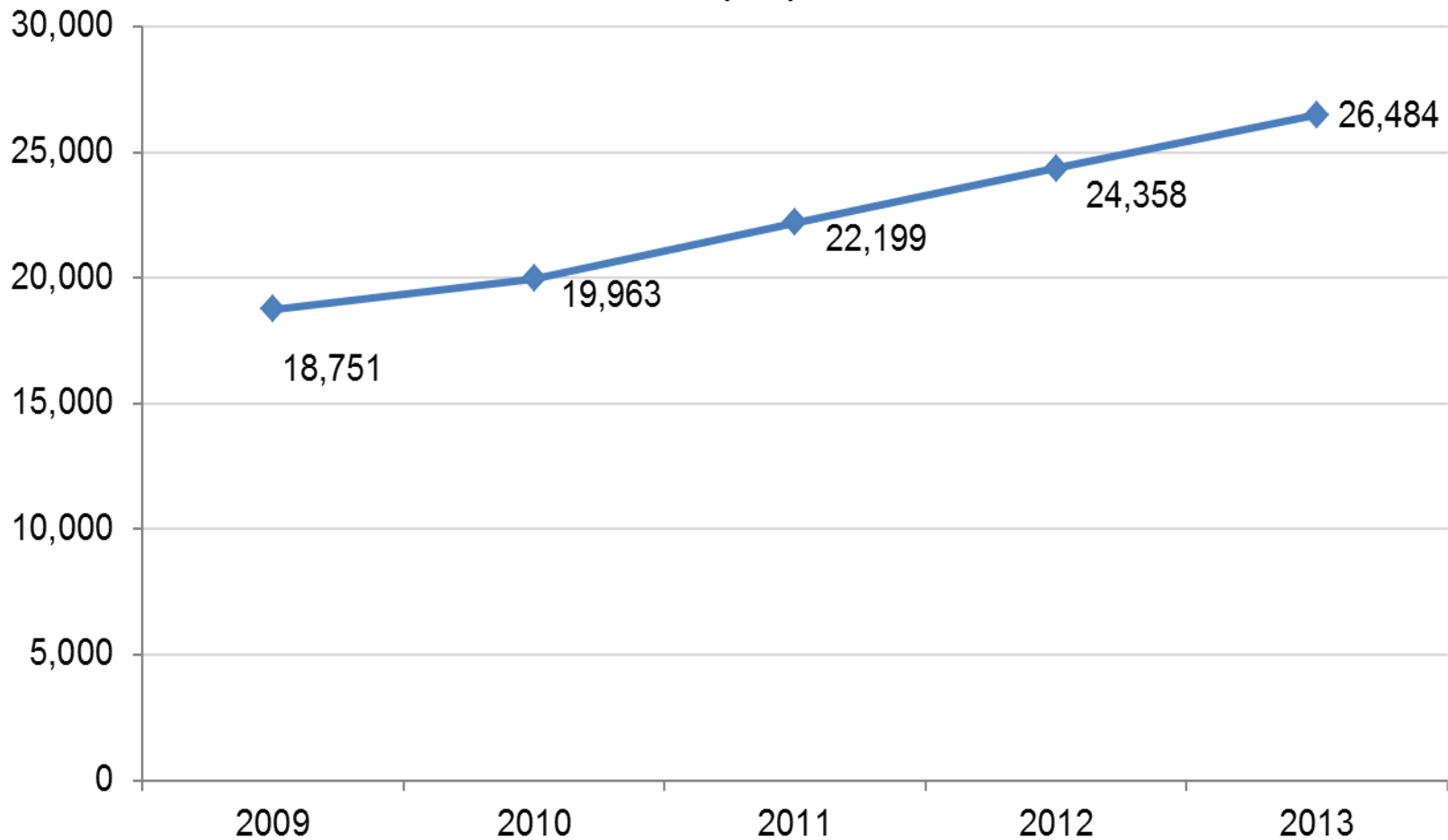


13.2 Million People Total  
with Alzheimer's  
Disease



## APS Financial Abuse Cases in California by Year, 2009-2013

*The state has seen a 41% increase in yearly financial abuse cases since 2009*



*Notes: Includes financial abuse cases perpetrated by others. Excludes unfounded reports.*

# IMPACT OF ELDER ABUSE





# WHAT IS ELDER JUSTICE?

Strategies that are used to:

- Prevent
- Identify
- Remedy
- Prosecute

**Elder and Dependent  
Adult Abuse**



# Elder Justice Act

- Signed into law as part of the Affordable Care Act.
- Provides funding and support to Adult Protective Services. Funding has yet to be allocated.
- Establishes a National Resource Center on elder abuse.
- Created a federal Elder Justice Coordinating Council.

# Elder Justice Coordinating Council

Identifying and proposing solutions to Elder  
Abuse and Financial Exploitation

Staffed by Federal-Level Department Heads  
Met Twice in 2014



# Recommendations from the Council

- Develop a national APS system
- Support the investigation and prosecution of elder abuse cases
- Enhance services to elder abuse victims
- Develop an elder justice research agenda
- Develop a public awareness campaign
- Multidisciplinary training on elder abuse
- Combat financial exploitation in collaboration with the industry
- Improve tools for assessing capability and vulnerability to financial exploitation

# NATIONAL ADULT MALTREATMENT REPORTING SYSTEM



Funding - ACA, Prevention and Public Health  
Funding



Goal - Plan, Design, Develop a Pilot Test of a  
National System



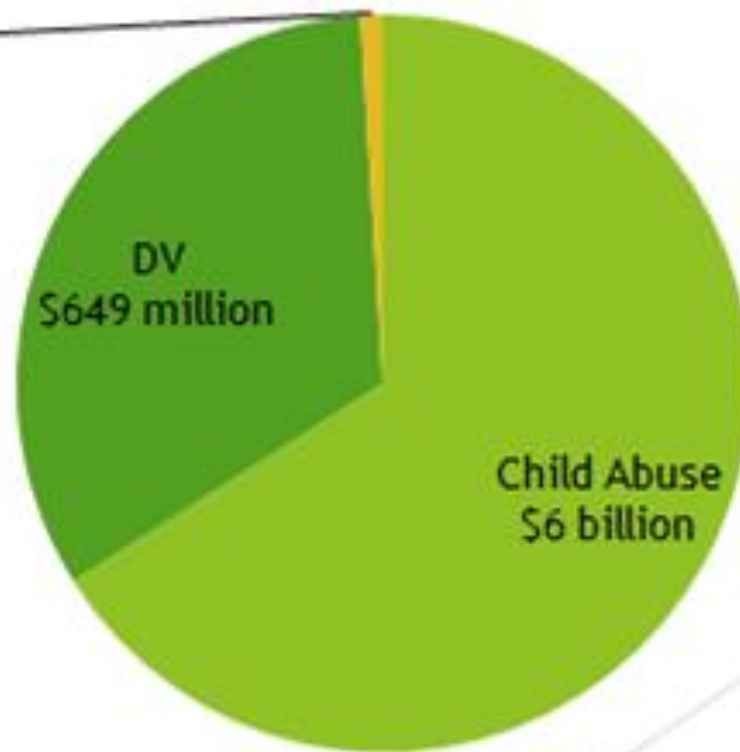
First Year – Requirements Gathering from  
States



Second Year – (Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2015)  
Design, build, and pilot a system with 9 States

# Federal Funding

Elder Abuse  
\$19 million



# 2012 AOA ELDER ABUSE GRANTS

Focus on  
Prevention and  
Intervention

3 Year Grant  
Cycle

1 Million Dollar  
Grants

First Use of  
ACA Funding  
for Elder Abuse

# ELDER JUSTICE ROADMAP PROJECT

Priorities –  
Awareness, Brain Health,  
Caregiving, Economics,  
Resources



Action Items –  
Develop national APS  
Definitions and Standards  
such as Caseloads,  
Collaborations, Training,  
and Data Collection.





# **WHY FOCUS ON ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES?**

**The Bricks and Mortar of the Elder  
Justice System**

# WHAT DO APS WORKERS DO?

## Mission

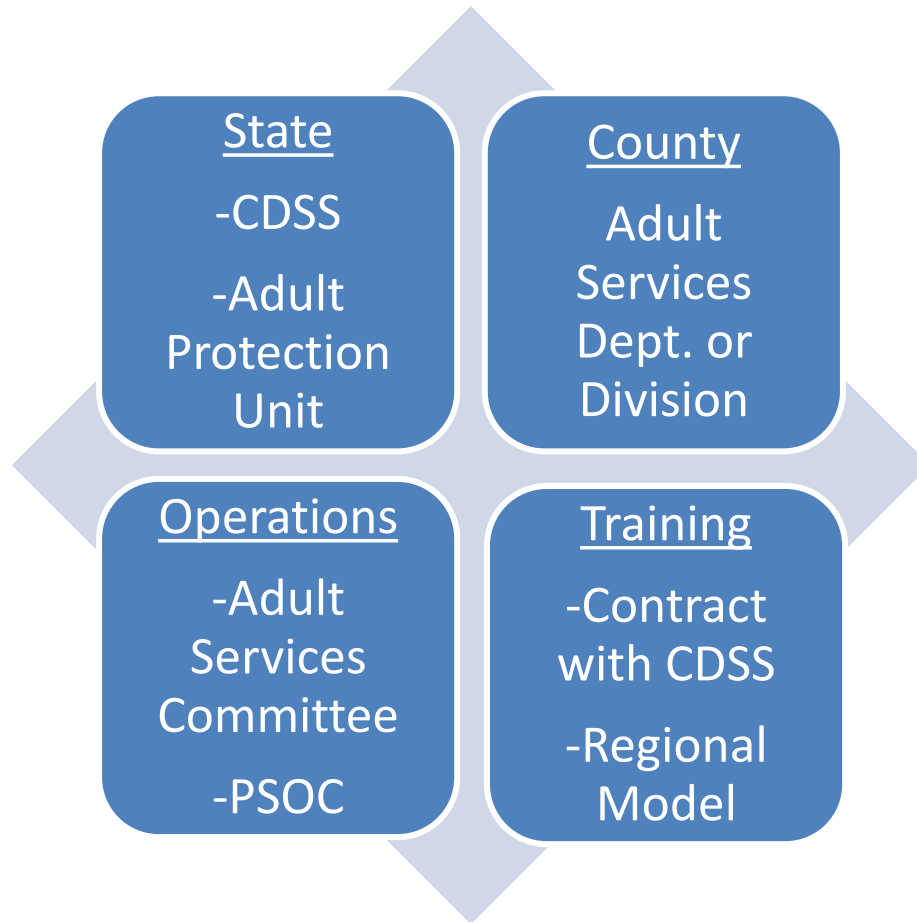
Keep Elders and  
Adults with Disabilities  
Safe and in the Least  
Restrictive  
Environment



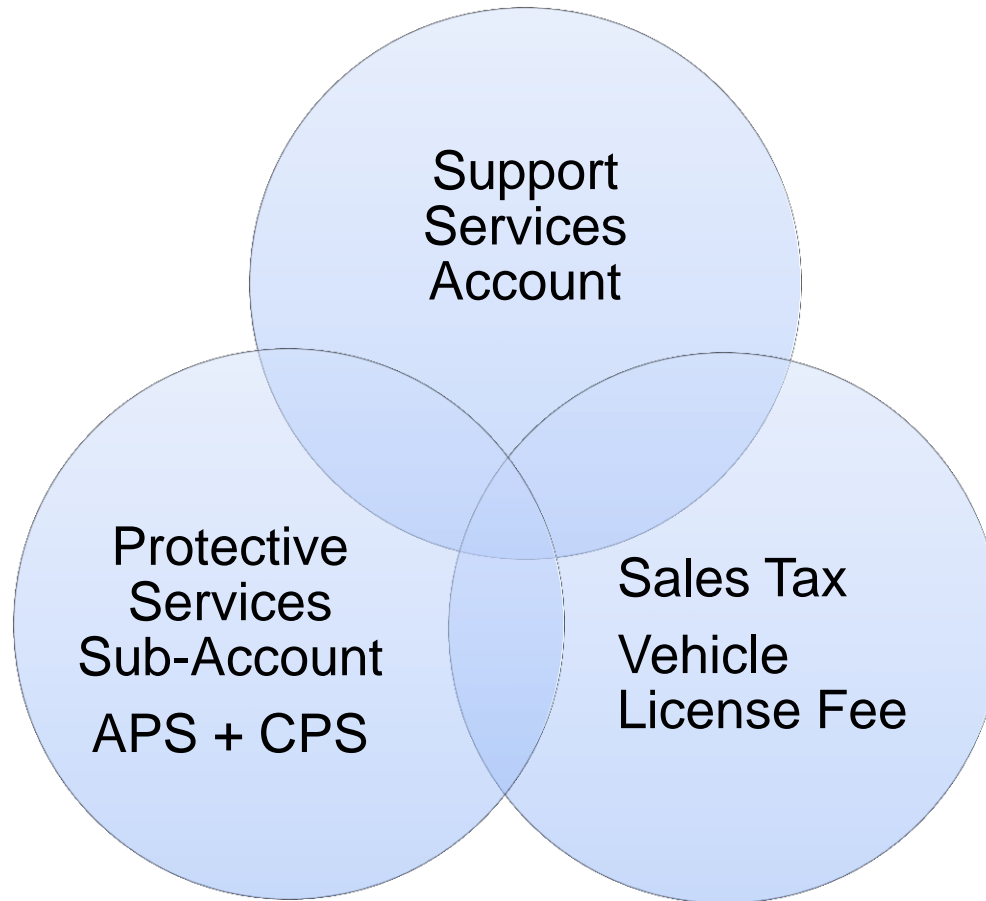
# APS ACTIVITIES

- Investigate Complex Situations
- Provide Crisis Response
- Assist Clients on a Voluntary Basis
- Prevent Unnecessary Hospitalizations
- Provide Services 24 Hours a Day
- Collaborate with Law Enforcement
- Support Families
- Assist Community Based Organizations
- Counsel Victims of Abuse
- Advocate

# STRUCTURE OF APS IN CALIFORNIA



# FUNDING FOR APS - 2011 REALIGNMENT



# STRENGTHS OF THE PROGRAM IN CALIFORNIA

Comprehensive and Inclusive Regulation

Local Control Brings About Innovation

Increased Funding Via Realignment

New APS Director Level Position within CDSS

## CHALLENGES TO THE APS PROGRAM IN CALIFORNIA

Lacking Policies and Procedures

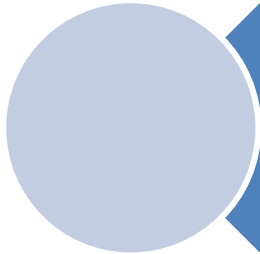
No Statewide Database

Limited State Leadership

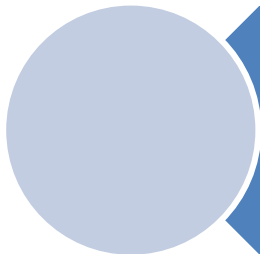
High Variation Between Counties -  
Staffing, Resources, Casework  
Practices, Job Demands



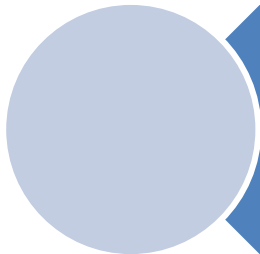
## WHAT DOES THE VARIATION LOOK LIKE?



**32% of APS Workers Carry out Duties for a Separate Program**



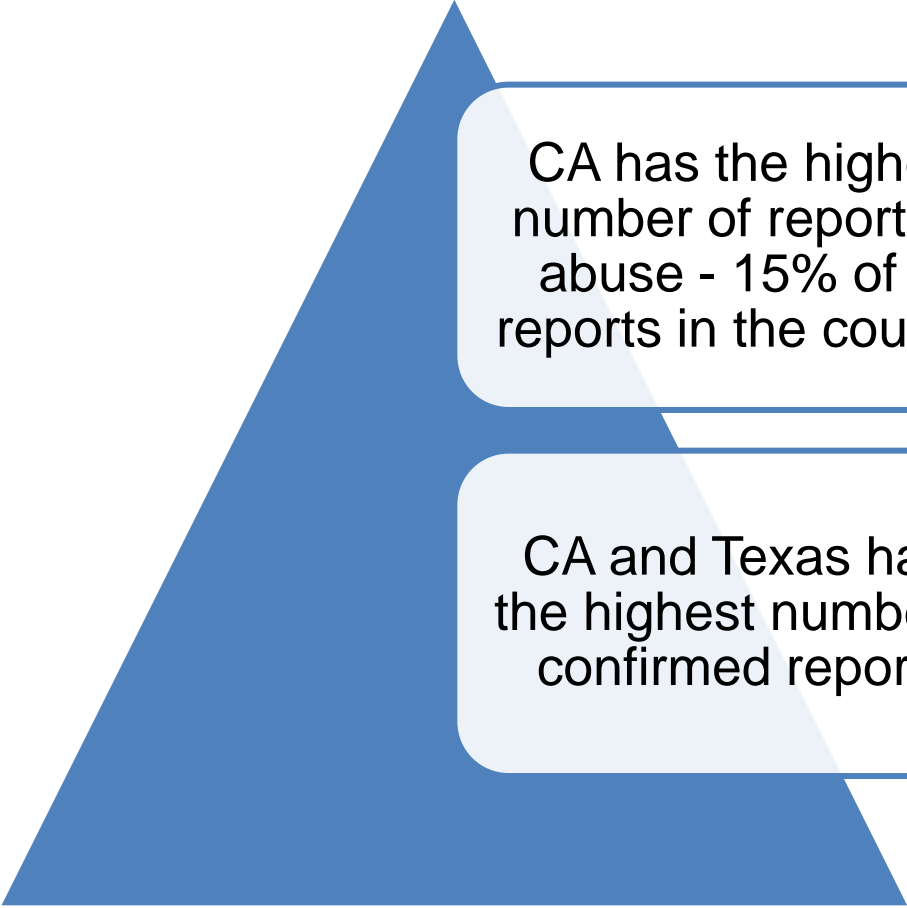
**Triaging Practices are Not Standardized**



**Access to Emergency Funding and Resources is Inconsistent**



# California's APS Program Matters



CA has the highest number of reports of abuse - 15% of all reports in the country.

CA and Texas have the highest number of confirmed reports.

## RECOMMENDATION – TRAINING FOR APS STAFF



Expand training to improve consistency of APS services
Provide comprehensive “Core” training to new APS Workers
Offer Advanced Training to seasoned workers
Increase Funding

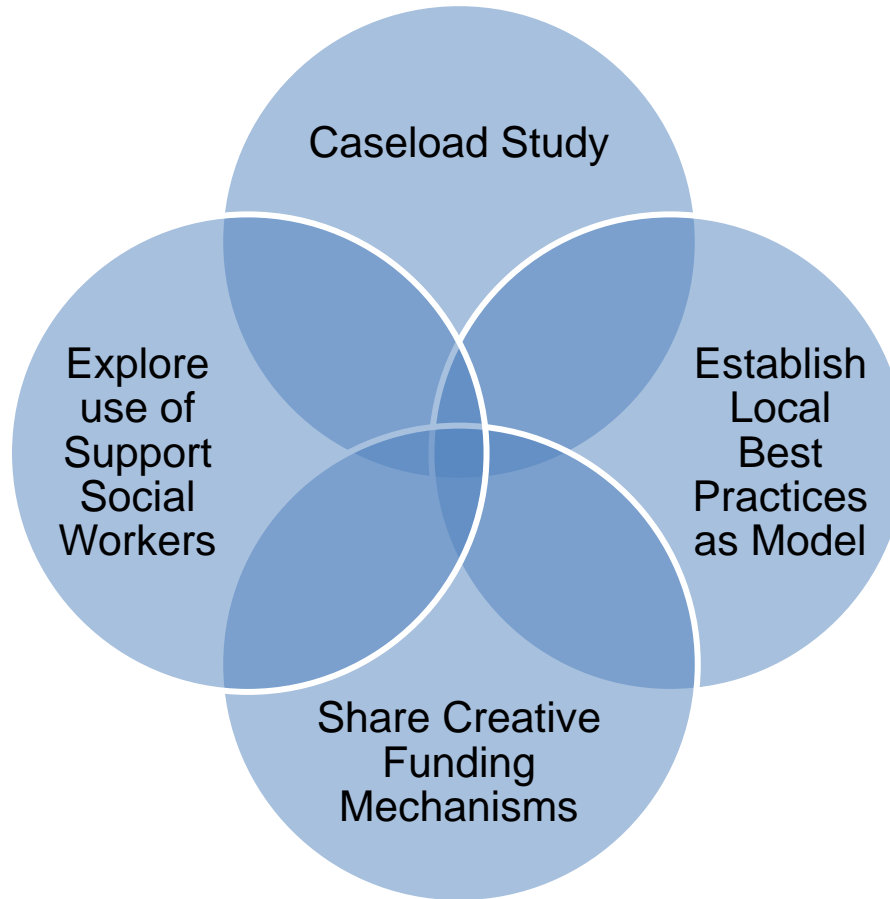
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# *RECOMMENDATION - APS STAFFING*



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## DATA COLLECTION AND SHARING



Revised SOC242 is  
an Opportunity



Workgroup to Explore  
Establishment of a  
Statewide Database



Pilot County Data  
Sharing through  
current systems



County Collaboration  
is Key

# *RECOMMENDATION*

## *STATE LEADERSHIP*

- Engage the new “APS Director” within CDSS
- Participate in National Projects
- Seek Out and Respond to Grant Opportunities
- Cultivate Stakeholder Partnerships

# CALIFORNIA ELDER JUSTICE COALITION



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