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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES:

ATTENTION: Adult Protective Services Supervisors

SUBJECT: TRAINING ON THE DYNAMICS OF MISTREATMENT AMONG ELDERLY AND DISABLED ADULTS

The Division of Social Services is pleased to announce the availability of a one-day workshop entitled "*Dynamics of Mistreatment Among Elderly and Disabled Adults.*" The workshop will be offered in three locations across the state this year.

This workshop will provide participants an excellent opportunity to learn about and discuss the emotional and psychological aspects of mistreatment. It will provide participants with insight into the psychological dynamics involved in many Adult Protective Services (APS) cases. The workshop will utilize lecture and small group discussions to introduce participants to these psychological dynamics. The workshop will also provide an understanding of how to identify and assess family abuse dynamics and examine how to develop and integrate solutions, based on an understanding of these dynamics, into practice in APS cases.

Social workers and supervisors with responsibility for evaluating and planning service interventions in APS cases will benefit from attending this workshop. The workshop is being offered as an advanced level training (beyond the Basic Skills Training) for APS staff. **All participants should have completed both Modules I and II of the *Adult Protective Services Basic Skills Training* before attending this workshop.**

A maximum of thirty participants will be accepted at each of the training sites and registration will be accepted on first come, first served basis. There is no cost for this training however, **you must pre-register.** A registration form is attached. Please make copies as needed. Participants can expect to receive a confirmation letter and specific information about the training site after registering. Each workshop **starts at 9:00 a.m.** and will **end by 4:00 p.m.** Check-in will be at 8:30 a.m. There will be no on-site registration. Please choose one of the workshops listed below. If the site you request is full, you will be notified and offered another site, if available. Refreshments will not be provided this year due to a lack of funds, however, participants may bring their own drinks and snacks.

If you need additional information about the workshops or have questions, please contact John Margolis, APS Program Consultant at (919) 733-3818, or your Adult Programs Representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Tanner".

John T. Tanner, Chief
Adult and Family Services Section

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