

CCI New Commissioner Orientation

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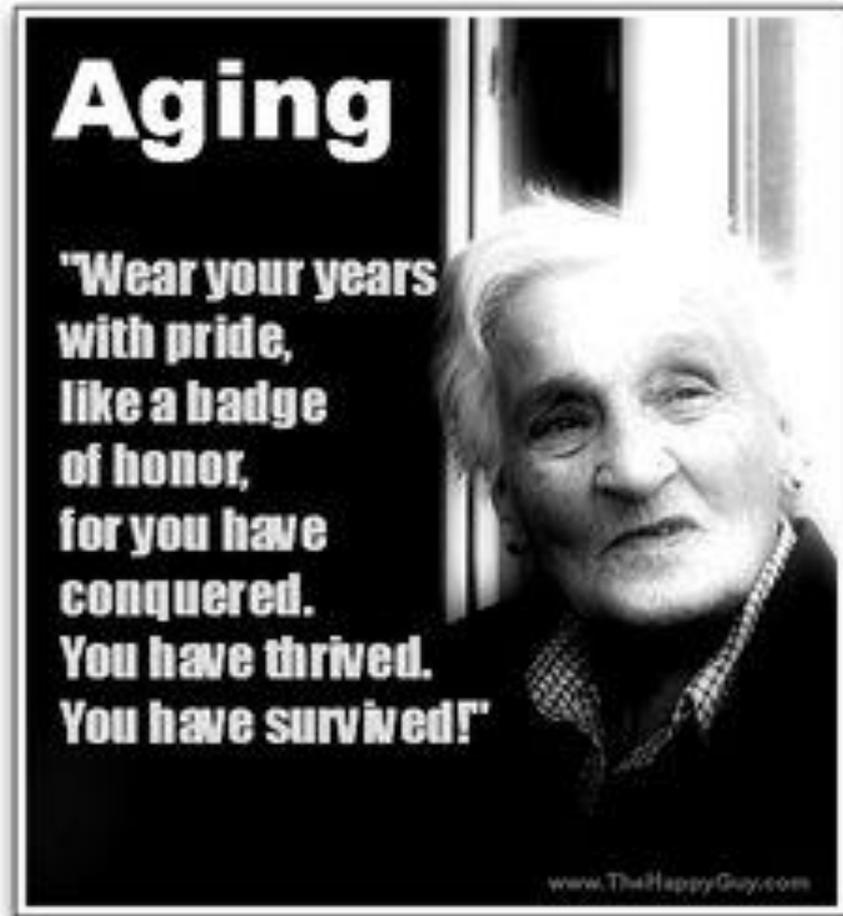
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Need to Plan for the Future

- Colorado population age 65 and older is expected to more than double increasing from roughly 500,000 in 2010 to 1.2 million in 2030
- Colorado has the 4th fastest growing population over age 65 in the country
- Colorado has the 7th fastest growing population over age 85 in the country

*Colorado State Demography Office data

Valuing our Older Adults



Adult Protective Services

- State-Supervised, County-Administered System
 - County Departments of Human Services implement the APS program in Colorado
- Offers protective services to prevent, reduce, or eliminate the current or potential risk of mistreatment, exploitation, or self-neglect to at-risk adults
- APS is a growing field with increased public awareness of the need to protect vulnerable adults

State Role

- Establish statewide program policy
- Provide technical assistance to counties
- Monitor program compliance
- Develop tools and templates to assist the counties in their work
- Develop and provide training to counties
- Provide oversight of the data system
- Handle consumer inquires regarding APS

County Role

- Complete the hard work of APS
- Receive and screen reports
- Conduct investigations and client assessments
- Provide casework services
- Initiate probate proceedings
- Coordinate with other agencies, such as law enforcement or the long-term care ombudsman
- Convene an APS multi-disciplinary team
- Provide community education

APS Principals

- Confidentiality
- Consent to services
- Self-determination
- Least restrictive intervention



APS Target Population

At-Risk Adults

Per the APS statute “at-risk adults” who can be provided protective services are persons 18 years of age or older who are susceptible to mistreatment or self-neglect because:

- They are unable to obtain necessary support services, or
- They lack sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate responsible decisions.

Mistreatment Categories

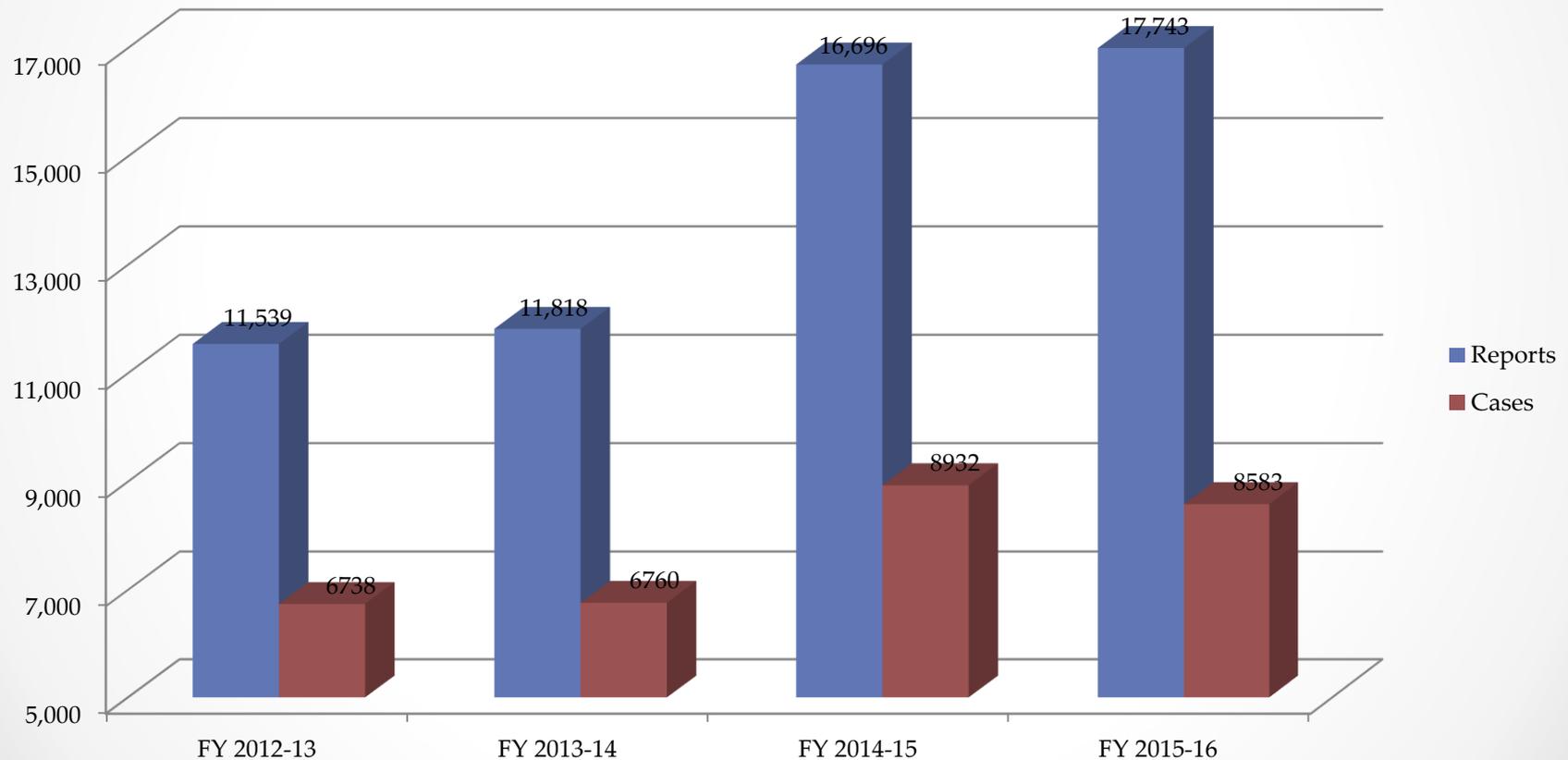
- Abuse (physical and sexual)
- Caretaker Neglect
- Exploitation
- Self-Neglect

Recent APS Legislation

- SB13-111 Elder Abuse Mandatory Reporting - July 1, 2014
 - Requires mandatory reporting by certain persons of suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation of at-risk elders age 70 and older
- SB 15-109 Mandatory Reporting for IDD – July 1, 2016
 - Requires mandatory reporting by certain persons of suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation of at-risk adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities

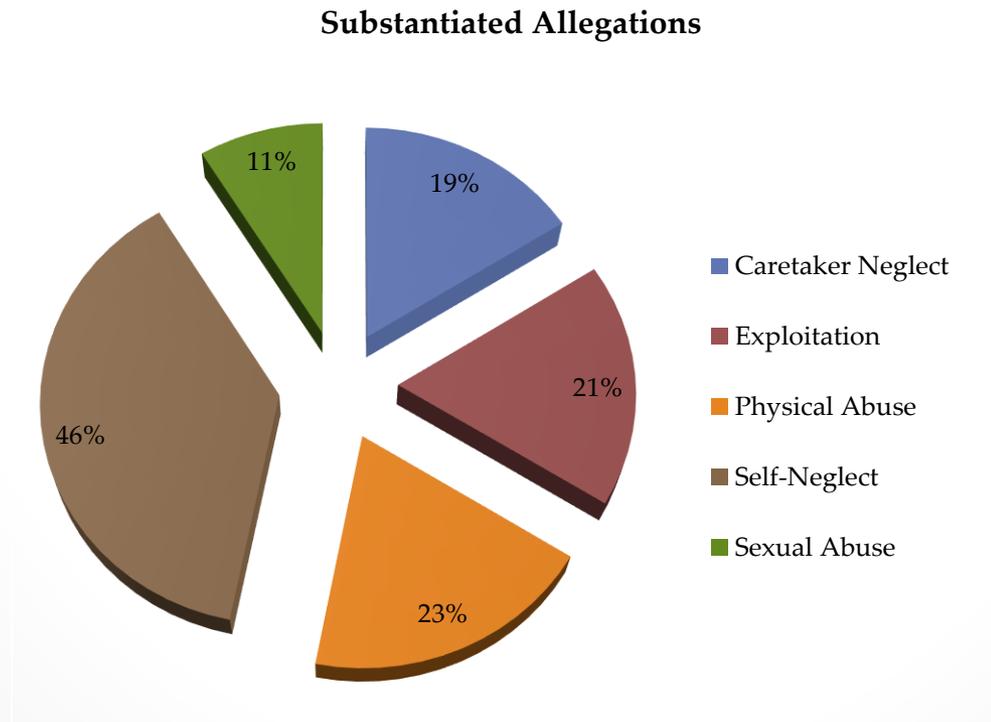
APS Reports and Cases Have Increased

APS Reports and Cases FY 2012-13 through FY 2015-16



Types of Allegations Substantiated

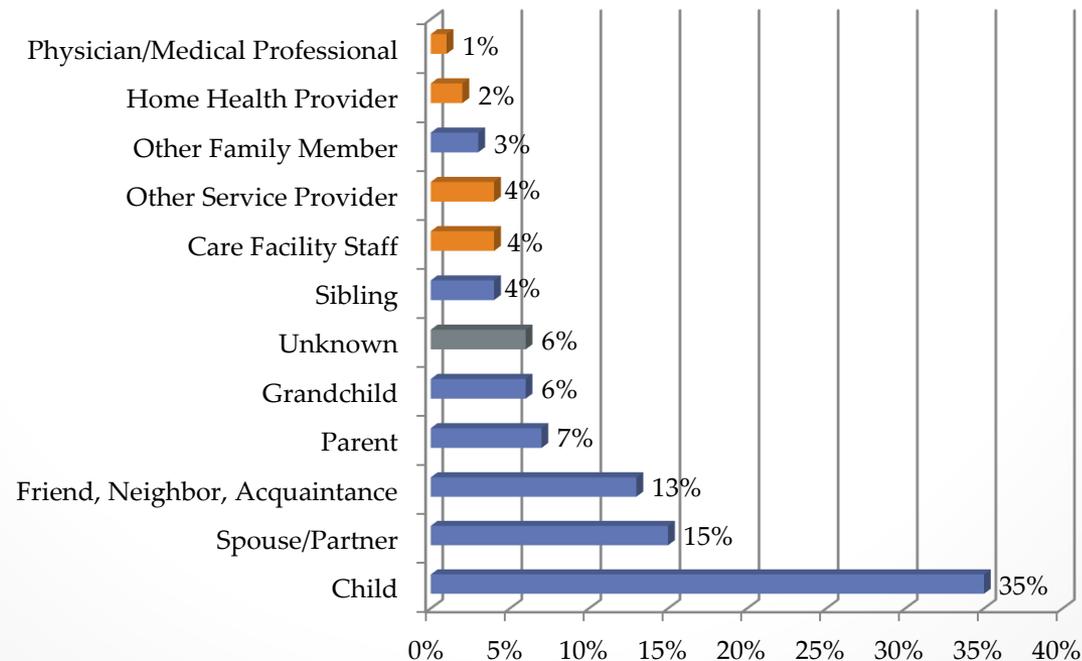
- The most common type of substantiated allegations were for self-neglect.



Perpetrators in APS Cases

- In FY 2015-16, APS clients were more likely to be mistreated by their children (35%) or their spouse or partner (15%).

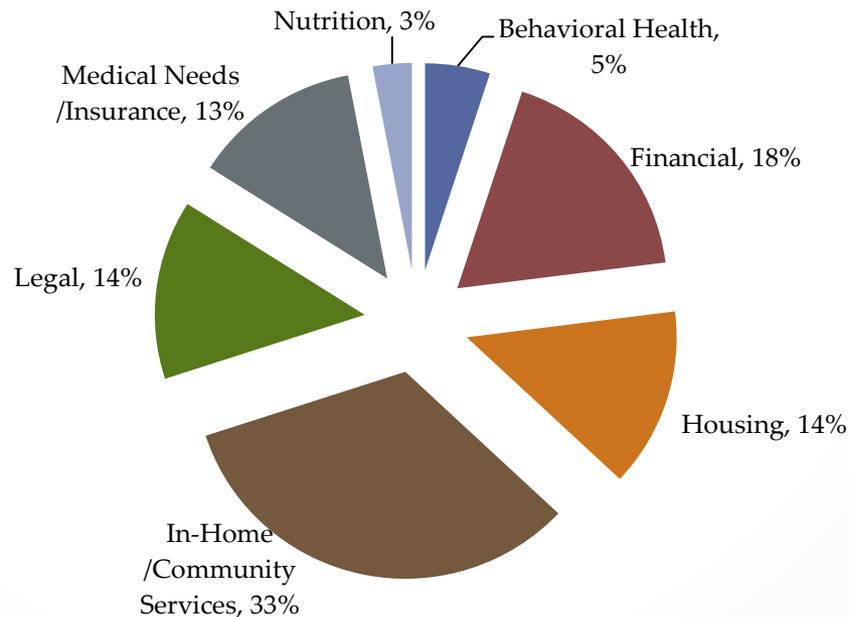
Alleged Perpetrator Relationship to Client



Services Provided

- In FY 2015-16, APS implemented 7,408 services for clients in need.

Implemented Client Services



State Unit on Aging

- Administers roughly \$40 million annually in Older Americans Act funds and State Funding for Senior Services
- Contracts with 16 regional Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) who in turn contract with service providers to deliver services to those 60 and older in need
- AAAs provide services to older adults including home delivered meals, congregate meals, homemaker services, legal assistance, transportation, information and assistance, long term care ombudsman

Services Provided

Examples of the type and number of services provided to older adults in Colorado through the AAAs in the last federal fiscal year:

- Over 750,000 Congregate Meals provided
- Over 1 million Home Delivered Meals provided
- Over 300,000 one way transportation rides given to older adults

State Plan on Aging

Required as part of the Older Americans Act, this plan that identifies goals, objectives and actions for State Unit on Aging for the next 4 years

- Goal 1: Older adults in Colorado will have the opportunity to live in their homes and have a high quality of life by remaining active, healthy and meaningfully engaged in their communities.
- Goal 2: Older adults in Colorado will be aware of and will have access to services and supports necessary to assist them.
- Goal 3: Older adults in Colorado will live with dignity, safety and respect.
- Colorado State Plan on Aging - coloradoaging.com

Colorado Aging Framework

- Partnership between CDHS and the Colorado Commission on Aging
- Purpose: a reference guide for goals and actions that can be pursued by organizations and individuals statewide to prepare for and address the impact of the aging population in the State over the next 20 years.
- Used as background information for the Strategic Planning Group on Aging created by House Bill 15-1033

Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging

- Result of HB 15-1033
- Recognizing there is a need to plan for the economic, workforce, and social effects of the demographic shift over the next 50 years.
- Multidisciplinary private and public sector stakeholder's group tasked with developing a comprehensive strategic plan on aging in Colorado through the year 2030
- www.colorado.gov/agingstrategy

Background Check Task Group

- A multi-agency collaborative effort underway to study criminal and civil background check requirements for people that work with at-risk adults, including older adults.
- The Task Group recommends legislation that would make criminal background checks and a search of the Colorado APS database a requirement of employment for persons who have direct contact with at-risk adults in their jobs.

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