Partners in This Research Effort

1. New Hampshire Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services

2. National Institute of Justice (grant 2008-IJ-CX-0025)
   - Phase 1: Preliminary tool development, training, and reliability testing
   - Phase 2: Process evaluation and management reports
   - Phase 3: Validation study
Purpose of the Research

• Goal is, at end of investigation, to classify adults by the likelihood of future harm or self-neglect

• Inform service interventions
  – Need for ongoing services
  – Intensity/dosage of engagement with clients

• Objective: focus engagement on adults at greatest risk of future harm (i.e. most in need of services)
Overall Outcomes by Overall Risk Level

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Investigation:
- Low (n = 248): 5.2%
- Moderate (n = 406): 9.4%
- High (n = 109): 23.9%

Substantiation:
- Low (n = 248): 2.0%
- Moderate (n = 406): 4.7%
- High (n = 109): 14.7%
Overall Risk Level Distribution

- Low: 248 (32.5%)
- Moderate: 406 (53.2%)
- High: 109 (14.3%)

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What Worked Well

• Involvement of agency staff at every level, in almost every stage of project
• Federal grant helped connect us with a network of researchers
• Web based data collection
Lessons Learned

• Need to better understand APS outcomes, and monitor them using multiple forms of data if possible (legal, medical, etc.)

• Need to test the effectiveness of short-term monitoring in reducing the recurrence of harm to adults

• Both would help document key role of APS workers as first responders/community resource