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## **ABOUT MEDICO-LEGAL TRAINING AUSTRALIA**

M.L.T.A offers professional development, training, consultancy and research services to the aged care and disability sector throughout Australia. Ask us how we can assist your organisation.

### **Our team**

Lynne Barratt. Your staff might have already met Lynne as she travelled around Victoria over the past year visiting many country towns and regional cities.

Lynne has practised law, both in the community sector and in private practice for over 15 years. Prior to becoming a medico-legal facilitator and trainer she was the first Principal Solicitor of Seniors Rights Victoria community legal service (a new legal service established to prevent abuse of senior Victorians) and before that she was the Principal Solicitor of the Fitzroy Legal Service.

Lynne has degrees in Law, Jurisprudence and in Arts and Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. She is a contributor to

the Fitzroy Legal Service Law handbook (now on-line) and has developed learning programs specifically designed to acquaint workers with the legal framework of aged care and disability work.

**Guest presenters** - Guest presenters can be engaged as presenters with sufficient notice.

**Price structure** - Contact us for advice about our fees. Fee capping and discount for multiple bookings is available.

### **SUBSTITUTED DECISION MAKING**

Useful refresher for those working in aged, disability or allied health fields.

This program looks at models of substituted and supported decision making, Enduring Powers of Attorney, VCAT, Guardianship and Administration, medical decision making and Advanced Care Directives.

*3 hour session*

## **BALANCING RISK AND SELF-DETERMINATION**

Intervention, protection, safety and human rights. What does “Dignity of risk” really mean in theory and in practice? Balancing our clients’ human rights with our responsibility to provide a safe environment can be one of the most challenging aspects of working with older people and those living with a disability. In this program we canvas the issues raised in meeting these competing priorities.

3 hour session

## **PARTICIPATING IN COURT PROCEEDINGS**

Designed to assist workers gain confidence in presenting in a court or tribunal setting, including court etiquette, court procedures and useful tips for avoiding stress for you and your client.

Gain familiarity with documents commencing legal process and with subpoenas, and gain greater understanding of some rules of evidence

pertaining to your work. Improve report writing skills to better assist the Court and better support your clients

Also covers how to navigate the free services and where to get help for your clients, and how to support your clients through the legal process. Incorporating court attendance and observation and simulated exercises.

Note: that this is a practical program and very little time will be allocated to theoretical underpinning knowledge in this program

*1 day session or modified 3 hour session*



## **CAPACITY**

Assessing decision making abilities in older adults and those living with a disability presents many challenges to workers. This program takes a Human rights approach to defining incapacity, and the key principles of assessment of Incapacity. Learn to recognise triggers, gain confidence in understanding some incapacity screening tools, learn to better support care planning by improved record keeping of the Incapacity assessment process.

Note: the full range of Substituted decision- making is not covered in this learning program

*3 hour session*

## **ELDER ABUSE PROGRAMS**

The following four programs are designed to be sequential or can be undertaken by participants with sufficient experience.

## **AGED CARE LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

This program covers the legal system and constitutional basics, Commonwealth legislation: Aged Care Act and Aged Care Principles including compulsory reporting, and user rights; Anti-discrimination regimes including Age discrimination. Also covers state legislation: VCAT, Guardianship, Powers of Attorney, Advance health care directives, Negligence and duty of care.

*1 day session or modified 3 hour session*

## **IDENTIFYING ELDER ABUSE**

Suitable for direct care workers. This program provides an introduction to the Elder Abuse Prevention Strategy, develops awareness of signs and indicators of elder abuse, and builds the Participants confidence to report abuse and to support older persons who are experiencing abuse.

Note: Responding to elder abuse is not covered in this learning program



## **RESPONDING TO ELDER ABUSE**

Suitable for Assessment officers and Direct Care Managers. This program covers definitions, classifications indicators of elder abuse as well as prevalence, risk factors, referrals and safety planning. It includes a brief overview of human rights principles underpinning the EAPS strategy, and an introduction to Family Violence response pathways. It aims to build skills and knowledge required to respond confidently and appropriately to disclosures of elder abuse.

Note: that participants should have previously completed the Identification of elder abuse learning program, or have acquired relevant experience.

*1 day session or 3 hour session*

## **ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION - STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION FOR MANAGERS**

Designed for Managers of health and community agencies, program managers and project officers working with older

people. This program covers: introduction to the EAPS strategy, and steps to implementation, developing agency policies and procedures, establishment of local interagency referral protocols, training staff in common risk assessment approaches utilised across the sectors, supporting and developing workers in recognition and responding to elder abuse.

Note: that participants should have previously completed the Identification of elder abuse learning program, or have acquired relevant experience.

*1 day session or 3 hour session*

## **FAMILY VIOLENCE PROTECTION - MAKE IT WORK FOR YOUR CLIENT**

You've heard about the strategy, you've acquired experience in recognising and identifying elder abuse. Now this program provides a hands on approach to utilising the new Family Violence Prevention regime and supporting your client through the process.

Note: that participants should have previously completed the Identification of elder abuse learning program, or have acquired relevant experience.

