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THE FOLLOWING IS A BROADCAST EMAIL TO ALL OVS FUNDED VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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Dear Colleague:

### **The Federal Government Wants to Know What You Think of Draft APS Guidelines**

Adult Protective Services (APS) play a critical role in addressing the abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and financial exploitation too often faced by older adults and people with disabilities. The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is committed to supporting states in developing effective APS systems that ensure adults are afforded similar protections and services, regardless of their state or jurisdiction. As part of these efforts, ACL recently released [Draft Voluntary Consensus Guidelines for State APS Systems](#). These draft guidelines were developed by experts in the field of APS and adult maltreatment based on the best research available on what works in APS and similar systems.

ACL is particularly interested in receiving feedback from the Victim Services community as they so often work hand-in-hand with Adult Protective Services. A Listening Session has been set up for members of the Victim Services (as well as domestic violence and sexual assault) community **on November 12, 2015 at 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (Eastern)**. **Click here to register to be on the call:** <https://oejaps-ls-dvsavs.eventbrite.com> ACL is interested in learning about your experiences with APS in the field and any suggestions of ways to improve the guidelines.

You can also share your feedback on the draft guidelines by [submitting a comment](#) by October 30, 2015 on the ACL website.

Learn more about the guidelines and how you can shape them at <http://go.usa.gov/36mfT>.

On behalf of the New York State Office of Victim Services, thank you for your commitment to providing the highest quality services to innocent victims of crime in New York State.

Sincerely,

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