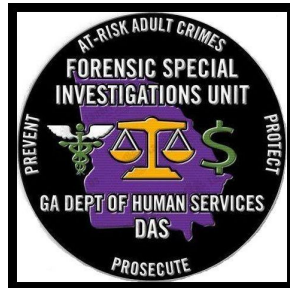




AT-RISK ADULT CRIME TACTICS (ACT)

Protect • Prosecute • Prevent

ACTING TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF AT-RISK GEORGIANS.



The Perfect Storm of an aging population, demand for increased community services, the Olmstead Act and the current economy have given rise to a target-rich environment for predators seeking easy prey.

At-Risk Adult Crime Tactics (ACT) Specialist Training is a 16-hr course providing primary and secondary responders **basic knowledge** about abuse, neglect & exploitation of older adults and adults with disabilities (at-risk adults).

ACT's Goal is to increase responders' awareness of and encourage a multi-disciplinary response to crimes against at-risk adults to:

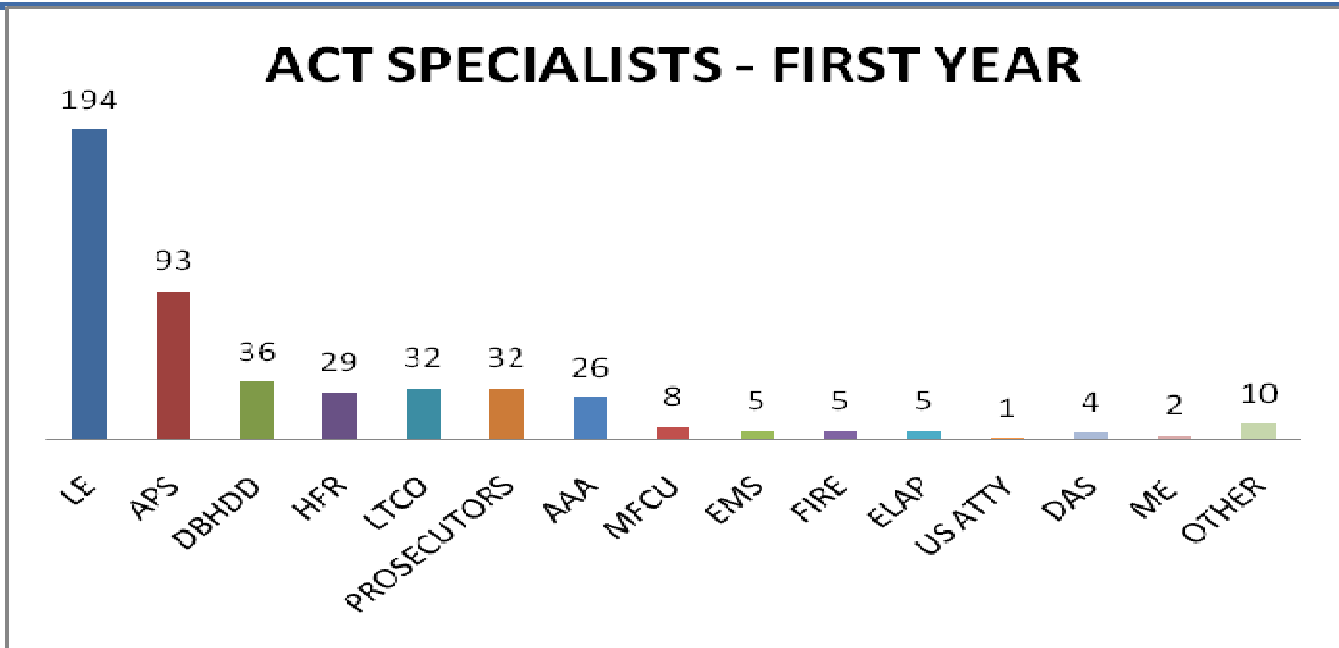
- **Protect** the persons, rights, and assets
- **Prosecute** offenders, and
- **Prevent** further victimizations.

1 in 5 Georgian's are at-risk for abuse, neglect & exploitation.
1 in 23 crimes against at-risk adults are reported.



ACT Curriculum (Abbreviated)

- Georgia Law Risk Factors of Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation
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- Types of Abuse
- Financial Exploitation and Investigation Tactics
- Incident Crime Scene Tools and Tactics



TAKING ACTION - IMPACT OF 1ST YEAR

- Ongoing exchange of information between state offices and professionals in the field
- Ongoing exchange of information between ACT Specialists and FSIU regarding cases and crime trending so FSIU can notify AAA (known scams, theft, and fraud in area)
- Creation of Multi-Departmental Forum (quarterly opportunity for networking to improve collective/collaborative/cooperative departmental efforts to protect at-risk adults)
- Frequent referrals to FSIU from local law enforcement and prosecutors for technical assistance on current cases (assisted with recent case in Gwinnett at request from LE)
- Feedback from law enforcement: opening closed cases, pursuing cases previously considered “civil”, revisiting homicides, wanting assistance to educate local prosecutors, etc.
- Increased communication between departments at State level when referrals are made regarding abuse, neglect & exploitation in private homes and/or licensed facilities in attempt to ensure notification of appropriate agency/s
- Recognition of growing trend of “trafficking” at-risk adults for monthly benefits
- Engagement of GBI and other state, local and federal agencies to address trafficking issue
- GBI mandates agents attend ACT
- Increased referrals to Adult Protective Services
- DAS working with UAB and Alzheimer’s Association developing financial assessment tool for individuals with dementia
- FSIU developing Train-the-Trainer course to meet growing demand for ACT training
- Currently working with former prosecutor to update 1998 Prosecutor’s Manual for Abuse of At-Risk Adults
- Based on feedback from detectives attending ACT, a one-hr training on financial crimes was developed for law enforcement

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