

194A.540 Training courses for mental health professionals and health-care providers.

- (1) The secretary for health and family services shall, in consultation with the applicable licensure boards, develop elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation-related and domestic violence-related training courses that are appropriate for the following professions:
 - (a) Mental health professionals licensed or certified under KRS Chapters 309, 319, and 335;
 - (b) Alcohol and drug counselors certified under KRS Chapter 309;
 - (c) Physicians who practice primary care, as defined in KRS 164.925, or who meet the definition of a psychiatrist under KRS 202A.011, and who are licensed under KRS Chapter 311;
 - (d) Nurses licensed under KRS Chapter 314;
 - (e) Paramedics certified under KRS Chapter 311;
 - (f) Emergency medical technicians certified under KRS Chapter 211; and
 - (g) Coroners as defined in KRS 72.405 and medical examiners as defined in KRS 72.240.
- (2) The courses shall include the dynamics of domestic violence and elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation; effects of domestic violence and elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation on adult and child victims; legal remedies for protection; lethality and risk issues; model protocols for addressing domestic violence and elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation; available community resources and victim services; and reporting requirements. The training shall be developed in consultation with legal, victim services, victim advocacy, and mental health professionals with an expertise in domestic violence and elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
- (3) Any health-care or mental health professional identified in subsection (1) of this section shall successfully complete a three (3) hour training course that meets the requirements of subsection (2) of this section. Health care or mental health professionals identified in subsection (1) of this section who are granted licensure or certification after July 15, 1996, shall successfully complete the training within three (3) years of the date of initial licensure or certification.

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