

# ADVANCED TRAINING FOR ASSESSORS

## Assessing Incapability Under Part 3 of the Adult Guardianship Act: Support and Assistance for Abused and Neglected Adults

### Training Context

Under BC's adult guardianship legislation there are different types of incapability assessments that may be required when more informal means of supporting adults in vulnerable circumstances have not been adequate to meet their needs.

Depending on an adult's individual circumstances, these assessments are about their ability to:

- manage finances/make financial decisions under Part 2.1 of the *Adult Guardianship Act*: Statutory Property Guardians
- make or trigger an enduring power of attorney or representation agreement under the *Power of Attorney Act* or *Representation Agreement Act*
- make health care decisions or care facility admission decisions under the *Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act*
- accept a support and assistance plan under Part 3 of the *Adult Guardianship Act*: Support and Assistance for Abused and Neglected Adults

### Why Do this Training?

It provides advanced training to experienced assessors to conduct assessments of incapability under Part 3 of the *Adult Guardianship Act*. This assessment is about whether an abused, neglected or self-neglecting adult can make a decision about a support and assistance plan.

### Who Can Take this Training?

This funded professional development opportunity will be of interest to graduate prepared, College registered, experienced social workers, nurses, occupational therapists, psychologists and physicians with the ability to be independently contracted and an interest in ongoing expertise development in the field of incapability assessments for adults. It is advanced training for professionals who are already skilled in conducting psychosocial, cognitive, functional and/or mental status assessments.

### The Training Instructor



Dr. Deborah O'Connor, PhD, RSW is a professor in the UBC School of Social Work with over 35 years of direct professional social work practice in

the field of aging and health care. This includes providing consultation on complex cases, especially those related to decision-making capacity and/or abuse, neglect or self-neglect. Deborah is the founding director and current co-director of the Centre for Research on Personhood and Dementia (CRPD) and a founding member of the Citizenship and Dementia: International Research Network. She has published widely on topics related to dementia, family care and assessing incapability including two books related to dementia and/or decision-making. Dr. O'Connor is the lead assessor for assessments under Part 3 of the *Adult Guardianship Act* in BC.

### Training Details

**Date & Time:** Fri. April 23 and Sat. April 24, 2021

**Time:** 10am – 4 pm

**Description:** This funded interactive online session will include up to 25 assessors who are available to be privately contracted. There will be required pre-session reading/activities.

### Assessor Selection: Important Timelines

**March 2, 3, or 4, 2021:** Assessor Information Session (recommended in order to meet selection criteria)

**March 17, 2021:** Training application deadline

**March 31, 2021:** Notification of successful selection to take the training and access to pre-reading/training preparation materials

**April 23-24, 2021:** Attend both days of training

**May 31, 2021:** Notification of successful completion of a post training evaluation and placement on Public Guardian and Trustee roster for assessments under Part 3 of the *Adult Guardianship Act*

**To register for the Assessor Information Session, email [assessor@trustee.bc.ca](mailto:assessor@trustee.bc.ca)**