

# CERTIFIED ACT SPECIALIST



Co-Sponsored by the Prosecuting Attorney's Council of Georgia. The Certified At-Risk Adult Crime Tactics Specialist (CACTS) training is provided through the Georgia Department of Human Services Forensic Special Initiatives Unit GBI Crimes Against Disabled Adults and Elder (CADE) Task Force in cooperation with: Administrative Offices of the Courts of Georgia; Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police; Georgia Bureau of Investigation; Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; Georgia Public Safety Training Center; Georgia Sheriff's Association; and the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education.

**Mission: To equip primary and secondary responders with knowledge and skills to recognize and respond appropriately to at-risk adult crime victims in Georgia as part of a multi-disciplinary team.**

## CRITICAL THINKING ATTENDEES WILL LEARN:

Joint accounts and legal documents are not a license to steal  
Undue influence – are transactions “voluntary?”  
Power of Attorney  
Investigations and overcoming challenges  
Georgia criminal law relating to at-risk adults  
New changes to Georgia Law  
Mandated reporting  
When is a death suspicious?  
Prosecution of crimes against at-risk adults  
Communication skills, and much more

**PREVENTION | PROTECTION | PROSECUTION**

## CACTS TRAINING DATES/TIMES

ACT classes scheduled for 2021; May 20 & 21, June 21 & 22, July 26 & 27, August 24 & 25, September 21 & 22, October 19 & 20, and November 9 & 10.

### **Agenda (subject to change)**

Day 1 8:30 am to 11:30 am and 12 pm to 3 pm

ACT Introduction

Vulnerable Adults

Georgia Law & Mandated Reporting

Social Service & Regulatory Agencies in Georgia

Probate Court, Guardianship & Conservatorship

Recognizing Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation

Lunch break

Recognizing Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation (cont.)

Benefits Trafficking

Crimes in Facilities

Day 2 8:30 am to 11:30 am and 12 pm to 3 pm

Suspicious Deaths

Financial Crimes Involving At-Risk Adults

Lunch break

Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Prosecution: An Overview

Response

Test

The Certified At-Risk Adult Crime Tactics Specialist (CACTS) class is reserved for law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, EMS, bank investigators/trainers/risk managers, regulatory agencies, medical and social services agencies that respond to the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of at-risk adults. The ACT class is approved for 12 hours POST credit and 12 hours of Social Work CEUs. This training is not open to the public. Attendees must complete both days to receive credit.

There is no cost for the training.

Upon successful completion of the class, the attendee will have earned the Certified At-risk Adult Crime Tactics Specialist (CACTS) designation.

**Warning: This training contains graphic content of abuse and death that some may find disturbing.**

To register please send an email to [FSIU@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:FSIU@dhs.ga.gov). Include the date of training, your name, agency, address, phone number, county where your work, and OKEY if you are a law enforcement officer. You may direct any questions to:

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**You must have a confirmation from either Anna Thomas or David Blake to attend this class.**



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