

# **Dr. Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik**

**Researcher & Clinician at National Adult Protective Services Association**

Canton, MA, US

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## **Biography**

Dr. Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik is a sociologist researcher, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, and Licensed Certified Social Worker, Klawnsnik & Klawnsnik Associate, Canton, MA. She has provided clinical services to older adults and adults with disabilities and conducted forensic victim evaluations for court systems. She has presented continuing education programs for Adult Protective Services systems, regulatory and law enforcement agencies, health care providers, the judiciary, and domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions. Her research and practice have focused on investigating alleged abuse of older persons, interviewing skills, casework intervention and supervision, mental health and mental capacity, domestic violence and sexual assault in later life, and victimization in facilities. She has authored journal articles, book chapters, training curricula, technical assistance materials, and professional reports and training manuals. Her work on federal projects includes those funded by the U.S. Administration on Aging, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute of Health, National Institute of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, and Office on Violence Against Women. She is Research and Clinical Consultant for the National Adult Protective Services Association, a Content Expert on the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse Polyvictimization in Later Life Project, and an Advisory Board Member for the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Research, Education/Learning, Health and Wellness

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Public Policy, Active Ageing, Elder Abuse, Human Rights, Frailty, Research regarding social services assessment & intervention

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## **Affiliations**

Researcher & Clinician Klawnsnik & Klawnsnik Associates Canton MA , National Adult Protective Services Association Research & Clinical Consultant, National Sexual Violence Resource Center Advisory Council Member, National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse Polyvictimization in Later Life Team Member

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## **Education**

**Boston University**

Ph.D. Sociology & Applied Social Science

## **Accomplishments**

### **Author**

Author of over 100 publications including journal articles, book chapters, training manuals, Technical Assistance materials, professional reports

### **Licensed Certified Social Worker and Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist**

Licensed as a social worker and clinical psychotherapist.

### **Co-Principle Investigator, The Study of Sexual Abuse in Care Facilities**

Served as Co-Principle Investigator with Dr. Pamela Teaster of "The Study of Sexual Abuse of Vulnerable Adults in Care Facilities." This study was funded by the US National Institute on Aging. Multiple publications provide the findings including: Ramsey-Klawnsnik, H., Teaster, P., Mendiondo, M., Marcum, J. & Abner, E. (2008). Sexual predators who target elders: Findings from the first national study of sexual abuse in care facilities. *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*, 20(4), 353 – 376.

### **Director of Research, National Adult Protective Services Association**

Served as Director of Research for the 2014-2016 National Adult Protective Services Resource Center funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services. This was a project of the National Adult Protective Services Association. The project provided technical assistance to Adult Protective Services programs nationwide to improve secondary violence prevention initiatives to older and vulnerable adults.

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