

SNAPSHOT OF END ABUSE IN LATER LIFE TRAINING PROGRAMS

In 2018, Saint Elizabeth Community was awarded a grant by the Office of Violence Against Women, U. S. Department of Justice to educate and train key community providers about elder abuse. These two groups of providers include:

1. Direct Service Providers (Community based victim service workers etc.) and
2. Law Enforcement Elder Abuse Training (Police Officers)

Trainings have already been conducted to train prosecutors and judges in elder abuse, and Law Enforcement training is in process.

Direct Service Provider End Abuse in Later Life Training

The Direct Service Provider trainings are for community-based professionals and direct service providers who work with vulnerable and older adults. They include social workers, adult day center workers, case managers, doctors, certified nursing assistants, EMTs and so on. This training comprises two pre-recorded webinars on A). Abuse in Later Life and B). Working with Older Survivors. The third component is a Community Conversation which occurs after the two webinars have been viewed, and is a platform that connects providers with resources such as Adult Protective Services, Law Enforcement and Elder Abuse Advocates.

A. Abuse in Later Life Objectives:

- Define elder abuse and abuse in later life
- Describe key dynamics of intimate partner violence, sexual abuse, and stalking in later life
- Discuss the role of entitlement, power and control, and caregiver stress in abuse in later life cases

B. Working with Older Survivors Objectives:

- Identify the range of identities and lived experiences of older adults
- Describe how a trauma-informed, intersectional framework is vital when working with older victims of abuse
- Implement practical strategies to respond to older victims of abuse

C. Community Conversation Objectives:

- Describe the role of organizations that serve older adults and victims of abuse in your community.
- Recognize the value of working together to assist older victims.

How do direct service providers access the Abuse in Later Life Trainings?

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Outreach is conducted with a view to inclusivity within the community with respect to all groups including LGBTQ, and culturally diverse community members. Web based trainings can be viewed independently or in groups. Community Conversations require a minimum of ten participants.

Certificates of completion are awarded upon completion of training.