COMMEMORATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH: CENTERING OLDER SURVIVORS IN YOUR WORK

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL)

Welcome!

- Housekeeping
- Chat Box
- Resources

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NCALL is committed to creating a world that respects the dignity of older adults and enhances the safety and quality of life of older victims and survivors of abuse. We engage communities to foster a collaborative, inclusive, survivor-centered response to abuse in later life.

Abuse in Later Life is the nexus between domestic violence, sexual violence, and elder abuse.

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Webinar Agenda

- Commemorating DVAM 2019
- Why focus on older survivors?
- How NCALL can support your work
- Resources
- Closing

Polling Questions
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Poll #1: Who Is Here?
- DV/SA Community Advocates
- System-Based Advocates
- Attorneys (Civil and Criminal) and Courts
- Aging Services/ APS
- Faith Community
- Health Care
- Other TA Providers
- Other?

Poll #2: How many older survivors have you served?
- Less than 5
- 6 – 20
- 21+
Poll #3: How many older survivors have you served?

☐ 50 – 60 years old
☐ 61 – 70 years old
☐ 71 – 80 years old
☐ 81 – 90 years old
☐ 90 + years old

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM)

- DVAM began in 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Connecting survivors and advocates who were working to end violence against women and their children.
- For more information:
  - [www.ncadv.org](http://www.ncadv.org)
  - [www.nrcdv.org](http://www.nrcdv.org)

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Why Focus on Older Survivors?

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10,000 Americans turn 65 every day.

Older women comprise more than half (55.8%) of the adult population age 65 and older.
United States Census Bureau (2012).

Racial and ethnic minority populations have increased from 5.7 million in 2000 (16.3% of the elderly population) to 8.5 million in 2011 (21% of the elderly). They are projected to increase to 20.2 million in 2030 (28% of the elderly).
http://www.aoa.gov/Aging_Statistics/Profile/2012/docs/2012profile.pdf
1 in 10 community-residing older adults reported experiencing elder abuse in the past year.
Acierno et al. (2010).

About 2/3 of elder abuse victims are women.
Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc., Weill Cornell Medical Center of Cornell University, & New York City Department for the Aging (2011).
For every 1 case of elder abuse that comes to the attention of a responsible entity another 24 cases never come to light.

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Violence against older women is largely unaddressed because it exists in the margins between two fields: domestic violence and elder abuse.

Based on emergency room data violence against older adults has increased.

Older victims experience unique barriers that prevent them from seeking help and further complicate the process of addressing the abuse once it has been reported.
Lack of services that are culturally appropriate can impede service and increase vulnerability to abuse for older adults from other cultures.

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OVW Abuse in Later Life National Resource Center

- Training, technical assistance, consultation
- Resources and information
- Website: www.ncall.us

OVW Abuse in Later Life Program

- Approximately 8 – 9 communities a year
- Address elder abuse by:
  - Providing training and cross training
  - Creating or enhancing a CCR team
  - Developing victim services
Eligible Entities

- States and territories, Indian tribal governments and tribal organizations, units of local government, and nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services organizations with demonstrated experience in assisting elderly women or demonstrated experience in addressing sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

OVW Abuse in Later Life Program Grantees

[Map showing OVW Abuse in Later Life Program Grantees]

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Enhancing Services to Older Survivors in Your Work

- Civil legal system:
  - https://www.ncall.us/for-professionals/civil-attorneys/
- Tribal Communities:
  - https://www.ncall.us/for-professionals/professionals-working-in-tribal-communities/
- Transitional and Emergency Housing
- Benefits
- Other?

National Resource Center on Reaching Victims

- Funded by Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
- Focused on underserved populations of crime victims, including older adults
- Provides technical assistance, training, consultation, mini-grants
- Website: www.reachingvictims.org

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Abuse in Later Life Resources

Lifting Up Voices Resources

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Awareness/Outreach Materials

Working with Older Survivors of Abuse: A Framework for Advocates
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Rural Toolkit

Faith Toolkits
Abuse in Later Life Info Sheets

Elder Justice Roadmap Report