

Elder Abuse Facts:

- Most elder abuse is hidden;
- Ageism (age discrimination) is a major cause of elder abuse;
- Ageism and disempowerment lead to the hidden dangers of abuse;
- Empowering older persons is the most effective tool in the response to elder abuse.

What are you doing to involve older adults?

The United Nations World Health Organization Missing Voices Report found that older people often look at abuse in later life in a broader framework than professionals, community workers or government representatives might.

What are you doing to make sure the people affected are well represented in approaches being developed to help them?



Coastal Georgia
Regional Development Center
Area Agency on Aging
P.O. Box 1917
Brunswick, GA 31521

“My World...Your World...Our World - Free of Elder Abuse”

GET INVOLVED:

This community forum and workshop will explore issues related to abuse and neglect among the elderly and will offer options for strengthening families.



Exhibitors will provide information on supportive services including: counseling, financial assistance, and health-related issues.

Who Should Attend:

- Law Enforcement
- Health Care Specialists
- Advocates
- Adult Protective Services Staff
- LTCO
- All Concerned Citizens

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The Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center
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Chatham County S.A.L.T. Council (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together)

Protecting Older Adults in our Communities:

Are We Doing Enough?



Promoting awareness on the growing epidemic of elder abuse.

Community Forum & Workshop

Thursday, June 12, 2008
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Memorial Hospital
Mercer Auditorium
4700 Waters Avenue
Savannah, Georgia



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is officially recognized on Sunday, June 15. To learn more about WEAAD global events, visit the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse at www.inpea.net

AGENDA

8:00—8:30	Registration /Coffee and Danish
8:30—9:00	Welcome, Proclamation & Opening Video <i>Sharon Dickol, Aging Services Director, AAA & Pat King, R.N. Forensic Specialist, DAS</i>
9:00—9:30	Elder Abuse: A Growing Epidemic in the Nation, Georgia & Savannah. This session explores the growing trend of elder abuse and recent cases seen in Savannah <i>Meg Heap, Assistant DA, Special Elder Abuse Prosecutor</i>
9:30—10:00	Elder Abuse Laws in Georgia and National Trends Our State laws and policies as compared to policies in other states that better protect their vulnerable residents. <i>Molly Dilbeck, Esq. Elder Abuse Specialist, Georgia Legal Services</i>
10:00—10:15	Break
10:15—10:45	Reporting Elder Abuse: Why Bother? Responses to elder abuse and who are mandated reporters. Speaker will also cover neglect and autonomy issues. <i>Pat King, R.N. Forensic Specialist, DAS Abuse Prosecutor</i>
10:45—11:45	Stop Violence Against Elders: CD-ROM Demonstration / Domestic and Sexual Violence Against Elders A collaboration of local agencies developed a CD-ROM interactive training used by local law enforcement. <i>Diane Clark, Educational Specialist, Hubbard House, Jacksonville, FL</i>
11:45—12:30	LUNCH
12:30—1:30	Ageism and Elder Abuse – An interactive exercise to illustrate “Ageism” and It’s Role in Elder Abuse. <i>Nanci Newton, Director, Advocacy Program, University of South Florida</i>
1:30—2:30	FLETC Elder Abuse Training Overview of free elder abuse training provided by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) to law enforcement professionals throughout the United States. <i>Scott Santoro, Senior Program Specialist, FLETC</i>
2:30—3:30	FORUM - Open Panel discussion Topics will revolve around Georgia’s policies to support vulnerable elders and what should be done. <i>Melanie McNeil, Executive Director, GA Council on Aging</i>
3:30—4:00	Wrap Up, Closing Remarks

Meet Our Speakers:

Patricia King, R.N. began her career providing nursing care and in 2006 she became the first Forensic Specialist for the Georgia Division of Aging Services. She has been instrumental in developing policies and procedures for a review team looking at unexpected deaths and serious injuries of disabled individuals and elders. She is currently working with other individuals to review existing data and attempt to identify what constitutes a “suspicious” death and suspicious injury in individuals over the age of 65.

Diane Clark has worked with victims of domestic abuse since 1980 and elder abuse victims since 1990. Diane worked as an elder law attorney with Bay Area Legal Services in Tampa, Florida. She has considerable experience in training law enforcement and other first responders.

Scott Santoro oversees the Domestic Violence Training Program at FLETC (Federal Law Enforcement Training Center). Prior to working at FLETC, Scott was a prosecuting attorney for over 15 years in the Seattle area. He has trained law enforcement professionals for nearly ten years.

Molly F. Dilbeck, Esq., is an attorney with Georgia Legal Services Program and manages the Elder Abuse Prevention/ Intervention Program.

Nanci Newton directed rape crisis centers and battered women’s programs in Wisconsin and Georgia. She was also the Program Coordinator of *Stop Violence Against Elders* with the Women’s Center of Jacksonville. Her *Rape Crisis Center Advocate’s Resource and Training Manual*, has become an internationally recognized model and was used to train victim advocates in Russia and Japan. Nanci is currently the Director of the University of South Florida Advocacy Program in Tampa.

Meg Heap, Esq., is an assistant district attorney in the Chatham county D.A.’s office. Meg was designated as a dedicated elder abuse prosecutor in December 2005 and is currently the only dedicated elder abuse prosecutor in the state of Georgia. Meg is a speaker statewide and nationally on Elder Abuse crimes.

Melanie S. McNeil, Esq., is the Executive Director of the Georgia Council on Aging and current Co-Chair of the Elder Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia. The Council advocates with and on behalf of aging Georgians for programs for the elderly in Georgia and serves in an advisory capacity to state government on aging issues.

Georgia Southern University is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Georgia Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

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Seminar participants will be awarded .65 CEU’s for 6.5 hours of participation through the Division of Continuing Education, Georgia Southern University. Applications will be submitted to the Georgia Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), the Georgia Nurses Association (GNA), the Georgia State Board of Nursing Home Administrators (GSBNHA), and Peace Officers Standards Training (POST).

REGISTRATION FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Registration (Due by May 24, 2008)	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration after May 24	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Advocate Rate (COAGE Participants age 60+)	\$ 5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional Charge for CEUs	\$15

EXHIBITOR FEES FOR AGENCIES / ORGANIZATIONS:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Profit 6’ Plain Table	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/>	For-Profit 6’ Plain Table	\$75
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