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Welcome & Overview



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OVW Abuse in Later Life Program

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- ☐ 9 communities a year
- ☐ \$400,000 for 3 years
- ☐ Projects
 - ☐ Provide training and cross training
 - ☐ Create or enhance a CCR team
 - ☐ Develop victim services

Required MOU Partners

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- ☐ Law enforcement
- ☐ Prosecutors' office
- ☐ Adult protective services/aging network
- ☐ Domestic violence/sexual assault victim services

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Aging in America





10,000 Americans
turn 65 every day.

Adelman, R., Hernandez, M. A., Anderson, A. R., Resnick, H. S.,
Bene, K., Mulvey, W., & Kiperavich, D. J. (2010).

Older women
comprise more
than half (55.8%)
of the adult
population age 65
and older.

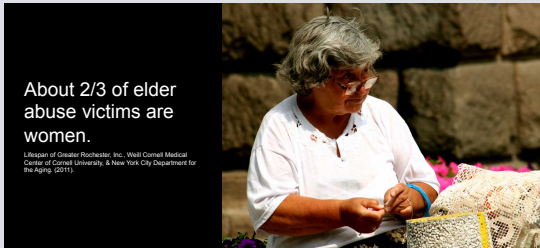
United States Census Bureau (2012).

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).

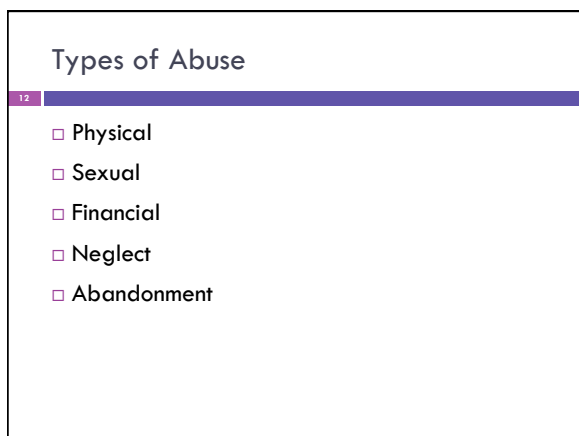
They are projected to
increase to 20.2
million in 2030 (28%
of the elderly).

http://www.aaca.gov/aging_statistics/Profile2012.docx
2012profile.pdf









Perpetrators

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- ☐ Intimate partners
- ☐ Adult children, grandchildren, other family
- ☐ Caregiver

Poll #1

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Have you worked with survivors 50+ in the last year?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Poll #2

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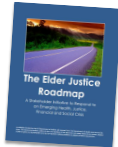
Identify the age groups of survivors you have worked with in the last year.

- ☐ 50 – 60 year olds
- ☐ 61 – 70 year olds
- ☐ 71 – 80 year olds
- ☐ 90+ year olds

Elder Justice Roadmap Project

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- Action Item: “to ensure that existing DV, SA and other victim assistance programs better meet the needs of older victims by allocating resources, collecting data, developing and evaluating programs, and incorporating elder abuse issues into training and technical assistance”
- Find at ncea.acl.gov



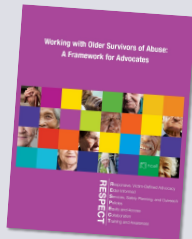
Working with Older Survivors of Abuse: A Framework for Advocates – Toolkit

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- Summary report – released June 9, 2016
- Self-assessment workbook – to be released fall 2016
- Training modules – released throughout the next year

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Summary Report



RESPECT

Responsive, Victim-Defined Advocacy
Elder-Informed
Services, Safety Planning, and Outreach
Policies
Equity and Access
Collaboration
Training and Awareness

Guiding Our Work

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- **A guiding principle** “guides an organization throughout its life in all circumstances, irrespective of changes in its goals, strategies, type of work, or the top management.”
- **Minimum guidelines** “recommend practices that allow some discretion or leeway in interpretation, implementation, or use.”
- **Practice strategies** are practical suggestions for how to implement the guiding principles and minimum guidelines.

Responsive Victim-Defined Advocacy

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- Promote responsive victim-defined advocacy that respects the values, life experience, and culture of an older survivor



Responsive, Victim-Defined Advocacy



R – Guidelines

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- Practice victim-defined advocacy
- Address the impact of trauma
- Ensure privacy and confidentiality are protected

Video: Historical Trauma (Time: 4:12)

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Elder-Informed

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- Engage older adults from diverse backgrounds in program planning and policy work

 Elder-Informed



E – Guidelines

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- ☐ Involve older adults in all aspects of your program

Services, Safety Planning and Outreach

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- ☐ Ensure services, safety planning strategies, and outreach plans meet the needs of older victims



Services, Safety Planning, and Outreach



S – Guidelines

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- ☐ Tailor services to meet older survivors needs
- ☐ Adjust safety planning so it works for older survivors
- ☐ Distribute outreach materials that are relevant to older survivors

Video: Outreach Materials and Strategies


(Time: 5:03)


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Policies

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☐ Create new or enhance existing policies to address violence and harm across the lifespan

 Policies



P – Guidelines

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☐ Implement policies to reflect older adults

☐ Adopt eligibility guidelines beyond IPV

☐ Ensure existing policies respect privacy and confidentiality of older survivors

Video: Enhancing Agency Policies to Address Abuse Across the Lifespan (Time 2:51)

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Equity and Access

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- ☐ Provide equitable services that are welcoming and accessible

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E – Guidelines


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- ☐ Create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere
- ☐ Ensure services are accessible to all

Collaboration

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- Work with allies and other organizations to improve responses to older victims

 Collaboration



C – Guidelines

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- Learn about service options for older survivors in your community
- Work collaboratively

Video: Collaboration – The Benefits of Collaboration

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(Time 3:21)

Training and Awareness

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- Raise awareness through education and social justice activities

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T – Guidelines

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- Provide ongoing training in all service areas that includes abuse in later life
- Conduct training for/with other professionals
- Increase public awareness on ALL
- Confront ageism and social norm that support ALL

Poll #3

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Which of the guiding principles are currently creating barriers for older survivors accessing your agency?

- Responsive, Victim-Defined Advocacy
- Elder-Informed Services
- Safety Planning and Outreach
- Policies
- Equity and Access
- Collaboration
- Training and Awareness

Discussion: What Next?

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In the chat window, type one change you plan to make within your agency within the next month to make your services more comfortable for older survivors.

Any Final Questions?



June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)

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Resources

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- *Working with Older Survivors of Abuse: A Framework for Advocates*
- Additional Resources
- NCALL website: www.ncall.us

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