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10 Years of Elder Abuse Prevention

MISSION

The mission of The Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention is to provide emergency shelter for victims of elder abuse and to enhance public awareness and knowledge about elder abuse.

Established in 2005, the Weinberg Center is the nation's first comprehensive regional elder abuse shelter serving eligible individuals 60 years and older. The center provides emergency short term housing, healthcare services, legal advocacy, financial maintenance and support services to victims of elder abuse.

The Weinberg Center has developed an elder abuse assessment tool to screen for at-risk and abused older adults. The screen is available to all long term care facilities, community-based social workers, health care agencies and other programs serving older adults.

The Weinberg Center has fostered more than 12 replications of the shelter model around the country. The SPRING Alliance (Shelter Partners: Regional, National, Global) is a network of elder abuse shelters with close working relationships, shared expertise and technical assistance, common standards of excellence and a vibrant community of support.

Elder Abuse is any form of mistreatment that results in harm or loss to an older adult. People who are especially vulnerable are the physically frail, the cognitively impaired and the isolated.

TYPES OF ELDER ABUSE

- Physical Abuse is use of force that results in bodily injury, pain or impairment.
- Emotional Abuse is infliction of mental or emotional anguish by implied or explicit threat, humiliation, intimidation or other abusive conduct.
- Financial Abuse is improper use of an individual's funds, property or resources by another individual.
- Sexual Abuse is non-consensual sexual contact of any kind.
- Neglect is failure of a caregiver to fulfill the care-taking functions and responsibilities assumed by the caregiver.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF ELDER ABUSE

- Noticeable change in daily patterns
- Older adult appears unkempt, inappropriately dressed or malnourished
- Unexplained physical injuries
- Sudden loss of financial independence
- Older adult appears fearful of suspected abuser
- Older adult appears unusually reluctant to respond when spoken to
- Increased level of social and physical isolation
- Caregiver appears rough, rude or negligent of older adult

INTERVENTION

A professional referral provides prompt access to the Weinberg Center team who will determine the need for services and/or emergency shelter. The professional and medical staff of the Hebrew Home develop a plan of care for every client entering the Weinberg Center.

If civil legal assistance is required during the emergency shelter stay, an attorney from the Weinberg Center provides support. Legal services may involve obtaining orders of protection, securing temporary financial maintenance or any other necessary civil legal response.

RESEARCH

The Research Division of the Hebrew Home at Riverdale tracks and documents all Weinberg Center cases. Research data helps to identify gaps in service and serves as a vital resource for those interested in replicating the program. Research finding s are disseminated through professional articles and presentations at conferences and seminars.

OUTREACH

The Weinberg Center offers a wide range of training and community outreach programs to increase professional and public awareness about the signs and symptoms of elder abuse and neglect. If you are interested in setting up a training or community outreach program, please call: 718.581.1472