

Let's end the abuse of adults 50 and older

We need you to
complete the puzzle

- Law Enforcement
- Criminal Justice
- Social Services
- Health Care
- Victim Advocacy
- Aging Services
- Mental Health
- Housing
- Financial Institutions
- Faith Community

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Central Virginia Task Force on
Domestic Violence
in Later Life

Join us in
putting the pieces
together



to stop
abuse of older
adults



You've Seen the Story Before

You encounter an older adult through your work. He or she shows one or more of these signs of abuse:

- Fear
- Unexplained injuries
- Lack of basic hygiene
- Isolation or withdrawal
- Verbal abuse or controlling behavior by a caregiver or family member
- Lack of amenities or medical aids he or she should be able to afford
- Loss of control of funds
- Unexplained sexually transmitted disease

You know what help you can provide,

BUT, do you . . .

know what other help is available?

**have questions
about the best response?**

**wish professionals in other disciplines
understood your role better?**

**have ideas to improve systems to
benefit victims?**

Central Virginia Task Force on Domestic Violence in Later Life

At the Central Virginia Task Force on Domestic Violence in Later Life, we tackle the issue of abuse of adults 50 and older by bringing together professionals from many different disciplines to address the whole story — the whole person — the whole system.

Fostering Awareness & Collaboration

The Task Force fosters awareness of abuse in later life and collaboration across disciplines and agencies, by helping professionals:

- Understand the types and dynamics of abuse in later life
- Discover resources available from professionals in other disciplines and
- Better understand the different roles of those disciplines
- Create avenues to find new and innovative solutions to improve systems for the victims' benefit
- Join forces to assist all agencies in improving coordinated care, placing the person first



Providing Professional Development

Professional partners are invited *at no cost* to engage in the work of the Task Force in the following ways:

- **Quarterly multi-disciplinary meetings**
These meetings provide a forum for professionals across disciplines to ask questions, identify gaps in services, and engage in problem solving, as well as share information, resources, experiences and ideas on best practices, relevant public policy changes, and more.
- **Annual cross-disciplinary training**
Using a nationally developed curriculum, this one-day, eight-hour training brings together a multi-disciplinary team to present in-depth instruction and discussion on abuse in later life.
- **Workshops & training**
These customized programs can run 30 minutes to 2 hours and can cover a variety of topics related to abuse in later life, depending on the needs of the participants.
- **Technical assistance**
Our program manager is available to assist agencies in developing best practices to address abuse in later life.