

Identifying and Referring Elder Mistreatment Training FAQs

What is elder abuse?

The CDC defines elder abuse as an intentional act, or failure to act, by a caregiver or another person in a relationship involving an expectation of trust that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult. This abuse can be emotional, verbal, physical, sexual, financial or neglect.

What is the prevalence of elder abuse?

Approximately 11% of people over 60 have suffered some type of abuse in the past year. In South Carolina, prevalence is around 15%. With baby boomers flooding the healthcare system, the overall prevalence is expected to grow.

What is the goal of this training?

Our goal is to enhance ability to identify and assist victims and survivors of elder mistreatment, connect with resources and make referrals, and ultimately create a safety net within our community of trained professionals.

Who should be trained?

Healthcare providers ranging from doctors, nurses, certified nursing assistants, and more. Other professionals who serve older adults at various venues like senior centers, faith-based organizations, and housing developments also benefit from this training.

What will I learn during this training?

You will learn: signs and symptoms of a potential victim, risk factors for both the victim and perpetrator, prevention methods, identification techniques & referral process for vulnerable and non-vulnerable older adults.

How much does this training cost?

Because we are a service grant, our training and other services are offered to the community at **no charge**.

How long does the training last?

We do our best to accommodate any time restraints of your staff, so while **a full hour** is ideal, we are happy to condense our information to best suit your schedule.

Is this training available in-person? Virtual?

Yes, we are happy to travel to your office! We also offer live trainings via Microsoft Teams or Zoom.

Are CEUs available?

We do not currently offer CEUs, but are hope to have that ability in the future.