Safe Options for Seniors

Are you or someone you know a victim of late-life family violence or dependent-adult family violence?

Safe Options for Seniors at Human Options provides services to individuals 50 years and older, or dependent adults 18 years and older, who have experienced physical, emotional, sexual or financial abuse by a spouse/intimate partner or a family member.

Services include:

Individual/Group counseling
Legal advocacy
Information and referrals
Community education and outreach

For appointments, please call our Center for Children and Families at (949) 757-3635 ext. 105

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Human Options provides safe haven and life changing programs to help abused women, their children and families rebuild their lives – and works with the community to break the cycle of domestic violence.

Services include:

Emergency shelter
Counseling
Legal advocacy

Community Education Presentations:
Targeting Seniors; Financial Scams
Elder Abuse: Late Life Family Violence

To request a presentation, please email
communityeducation@humanoptions.org

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LATE LIFE FAMILY VIOLENCE

One in 10 people will experience a form of abuse after the age of 65 [1]

Late Life Family Violence

Elder abuse is an intentional or negligent act by a family member, caregiver or any other person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult.

Elder abuse includes:

Financial
Physical
Sexual
Abduction
Isolation
Abandonment
Neglect/Self-Neglect
Emotional/Psychological

Red Flags

- Being deprived of contact with the outside world
- Being controlled and not being allowed to make your own decisions
- Having your personal things destroyed or your pet threatened

Spotlight: Financial Abuse

Financial abuse is defined as any situation in which a person who stands in a position of trust to an elder or dependent adult takes their money for any wrongful use or with the intent to defraud.[2]

Examples of financial abuse

- Financial Scams
- IRS Tax Debt scam
- Lottery/sweepstakes scam
- Grandparent scam
- Stealing money
- Forced to sign over property

Financial Abuse Red Flags

- No control over finances or household decisions
- Bank activity is erratic or unusual
- Forgery or suspicious signatures
- Missing belongings or property
- Unpaid bills, eviction notices, or notices to discontinue utilities
- Bank statements and canceled checks are no longer mailed to the elder's home

In 2015, reports of elder abuse increased by 19.8% in comparison to 2014 [3]

Orange County Data

In 2015, Adult Protective Services (APS) in Orange County received 18,846 calls of adult abuse. [4]

Incidence of Abuse

The incidence of elder abuse increases significantly with age. Those age 85 and over are almost six times more likely to be suffering from abuse as those ages 65-69.[5]

Age	Unduplicated Victims	Population	Incidence
65-69	1199	135,257	1:113
70-74	1243	97,511	1:78
75-79	1360	72,347	1:53
80-84	1628	53,473	1:33
85+	2658	56,619	1:21
Total	8088	415,2017	1:51

Table provided by OC APS 2015 Fact Sheet

1 National Center for Victims of Crime, National Conference, 2013
2 Welfare and Institutions Code 15610
3-5 Orange County Adult Protective Services Fact Sheet 2015