ABUSE IN LATER LIFE EDUCATION SERIES FOR ADVOCATES:
OVERVIEW

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As a Result of This Training, Participants Will Be Better Able to:

- Define why advocates must address abuse in later life
- Identify NCALL resources for advocates on working with older survivors

Why Focus on Abuse in Later Life
You Have the Tools You Need!

- Victim-defined advocacy framework
- Expertise with abuse and trauma
- Free and confidential services, safety planning and advocacy

10,000 Americans turn 65 every day.

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).

Administration on Aging, (2012).

1 in 10 community-residing older adults reported experiencing elder abuse in the past year.

Acierno et al., (2010).
About 2/3 of elder abuse victims are women.

Studies have consistently shown that a significant portion of elder abuse cases involve female victims with spouses as perpetrators.
Lane et al., (2013).
Power and Control

- Adult children and grandchildren
- Other family members
- Caregivers

In the community, older victims of sexual abuse were violated most often by spouses/partners.

In facilities, employees responsible for care (43%) or other residents (41%) were most likely offenders.
Elders who experienced abuse, even modest abuse, had a 300% higher risk of death when compared to those who had not been abused.

Dong, et al. (2009)
Working with Older Survivors of Abuse: A Framework for Advocates

Summary Report
Guiding Our Work

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

- The guiding principles summary report (completed)
- Abuse in Later Life Education Series for Advocates: webinars and worksheets (phase one completed)
- Training modules for advocates to use when training others
- Materials for OVW TA providers and state coalitions

Modules: Dynamics

- Overview
- Defining Elder Abuse and Abuse in Later Life
- Intimate Partner Violence in Later Life
- Sexual Abuse in Later Life
- Stalking in Later Life
- Economic Abuse and Financial Exploitation in Later Life
- Neglect, Self-Neglect and the Role of Adult Protective Services
- Power and Control Tactics and the Role of Caregiver Stress
Modules: Victim-Defined Advocacy and Elder Informed

- Victim-Defined Advocacy
- Trauma and Historical Trauma
- Trauma-Informed Approaches
- Mandatory Reporting
- Elder-Informed Approach

Subject Matter Experts

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- Alicia Aikens
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- Ann Turner
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- Rebecca Henry
- Ricker Hamilton
- Risa Breckman
- Sue Hall Dreher
- Vicki Ybanez
In Memory of Amy Judy

Staying Connected to NCALL and Other Advocates

- Sign up for our enewsletter: http://oi.yresp.com/?fid=03fcb93262
- Join our listserv for advocates serving older survivors: ncall@ncall.us
- Join us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ncall.us
- Join us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/ncall_us