

ABUSE IN LATER LIFE EDUCATION SERIES FOR ADVOCATES:

DEFINING ELDER ABUSE & ABUSE IN LATER LIFE

Module 2

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

□ Define elder abuse and abuse in later life

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Why Definitions Matter

- □ Increase awareness on how elder abuse affects potential victims seeking help
- □ Better understanding of roles and responsibilities of collaborative partners
- □ Improve communication with collaborative partners by understanding each other's language

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Not a Fixed Definition

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- □ National organizations and government definitions vary
- □ State definitions vary
- □ Cultural values may impact community definition



"Elder abuse includes physical, sexual or psychological abuse, as well as neglect, abandonment, and financial exploitation of an older person by another person or entity, that occurs in any setting, either in a relationship where there is an expectation of trust and/or when an older person is targeted based on age or disability."

U.S. Department of Justice, (2014

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Abuse in Later Life



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Summary

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- □ Multiple definitions of elder abuse exist
- □ Abuse in later life and elder abuse take many forms and can happen in a variety of relationships
- □ Understanding each others definitions can improve communication between collaborative partners and improve services for older victims

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