ABUSE IN LATER LIFE EDUCATION SERIES FOR ADVOCATES:
VICTIM-DEFINED ADVOCACY

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

- Define victim-defined advocacy for older survivors
- Provide strength-based support to older survivors of abuse
- Practice respectful, effective communication when working with older victims

Meeting Victims Where They Are At

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“Seeks to craft alternatives that will enhance a victim’s safety, given the realities facing each victim” (Davies et.al, 1998)

- Ask what the victim wants
- Recognize the impact of trauma
- Promote self-determination to restore control to the victim
- Provide resources to support victim decisions
- Advocate to support victim
- Recognize the strength and resiliency of survivor
Resiliency and a Strength-Based Approach

Practice Respectful Communication

- Determine survivors communication needs and style
- Allow more time
- Listen to what a victim may need now; be prepared for needs and goals to change over time
- Identify safety concerns
- Respect cultural and generational values
Case Example

Take Away Messages

- Listen
- Reflect statements and feelings
- Validate fear and safety concerns
- Honor instincts
- Continue to listen and learn
Summary

- Recognize survivor’s strength and resiliency
- Provide victim-defined advocacy
- Practice respectful, effective communication

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