

ABUSE IN LATER LIFE EDUCATION SERIES FOR ADVOCATES:

#### TRAUMA & OLDER SURVIVORS

Module 10

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

Define individual and historical trauma

□ Understand the influence of trauma on older survivors

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#### Trauma

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- □ Acute trauma such as experienced in a car accident or death of a loved one
- □ Complex trauma such as experienced by repeated acts of abuse and violence
- □ Historical trauma refers to the cumulative emotional and psychological wounding of a group of people often based on race, creed, and ethnicity

#### Trauma Aware

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#### **Effects of Trauma**

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- □ Wide range of effects during and after an assault
- □ May cause memory issues
- ☐ May trigger a trauma response from earlier event
- □ Some survivors will show no effects from experiencing trauma

### **Historical Trauma**

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### Effects of Historical Trauma

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- □ Lack of trust in services
- □ Hesitant to give information about personal life
- □ Passive compliance
- □ Misperceptions or fears



US Marshals with Young Ruby Bridges on School Steps

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## Summary

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- □ Understanding the impact of trauma can help service programs create trauma informed services
- □ Older survivors may have experienced harm throughout their lifetime
- ☐ Trauma aware advocates can better meet the needs of older survivors

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