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Abuse in Later Life Program

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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

Trauma

- 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

Effects of Trauma

- 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

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

Effects of Historical Trauma
Summary

- 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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