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

- Recognize unique role advocates play in providing services to older adults
- Identify barriers to common policies utilized by direct service Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault victim service agencies
- Design agency policies that better meet the needs of older survivors

Advocates Providing Unique Services

- Outside the criminal justice system
- Lethality and safety
- Long term support
- Empowerment & peer support
Intimate Partner Violence Only

- Limits services to only victims abused by intimate partner and not victims abused by adult children, other family members and/or caregivers

Video: Serving Older Victims Abused by Family Members or Caregivers

Bonnie Brandl
Director, National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life
End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin
Victim Contact Requirements

- Does not allow advocate to make first contact with victim
- Based on a theory of empowerment
- Limits referrals to DV/SA programs
- Not effective with older survivors

Mobile Advocacy

- Practice of workers meeting victims in various locations including in the victims home
- Mobile Advocacy and Safety
  - Advocate safety
  - Victim safety
**Agency Review**

- Review facilities, materials, and staff
- Include agency policies, procedures, and outreach materials
- Include older survivors in the process
Review Common Policy and Procedures

- Is it an internal policy or “the way we have always done things”
- Is it required through laws or through funders?
Create a Plan for Change

- Create goals and a timeline
- Assign tasks
- Determine review process
- Evaluate and adjust if necessary

Resources

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Summary

- Domestic violence and sexual abuse victim service programs have services to offer older victims of abuse
- Policies often need to be reviewed and adjusted to better meet the needs of older survivors
- Older survivors can provide valuable input to programs when reviewing policies and procedures

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