



Patrick Doherty

ABUSE IN LATER LIFE EDUCATION SERIES FOR ADVOCATES:
**ELDER-INFORMED VICTIM
SERVICES**

Module 13

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

2017

Office on Violence Against Women Abuse in Later Life Program

2

This project was supported by Grant No. 2014-TA-AX-K050 and 2016-TA-AX-K071 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

Learning Objectives

3

- Recognize the importance of including elder voices in designing programming and policy
- Utilize the tools and strategies needed to implement inclusive, elder-informed programs and policies

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

Inviting Older Adults to Review Policies and Practices

4



National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

Why Does This Matter?

5

- Invisibility and social marginalization of older individuals
- Programs often designed for younger victims
- Older adults more likely to engage with programs that meet their needs
- Honors older survivors' lived experiences

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

Organizing and Facilitating Listening Sessions

6



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

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

Needs Assessment: Planning

7

- Plan with a team
- Consider criminal justice professionals, APS, aging service providers, faith community, health care
- Be as inclusive as possible

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

Needs Assessment: Review Current Response

8

- Demographic data
- Victim service agencies
- Aging services and APS
- Law enforcement and criminal justice systems

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

Needs Assessment: Determine Needs

9

- Written survey tool
- Professionals and older adults
- Electronic and in-person
- Questions need to be consistent between surveys

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

Needs Assessment: Surveying Older Adults

10

- Consider language
- Meet older participants where they are and truly engage
- Respond to individuals who self-disclose
- Provide hotline phone numbers

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

Summary

11

- Elder-informed programs and policies are part of a comprehensive and effective approach to victim services
- Listening sessions, focus groups, and community needs assessment can be effective methods of seeking information from older community members

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

Video Presenters

12

- Anne Menard
CEO, National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
- Sue Hall Dreher
Consultant Formerly Director, Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine
- Bonnie Brandl
Director, National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

Thank You

13

- Special thanks to Terra Nova Films for the ongoing working partnership with NCALL and the beautiful video production
- www.terranova.org

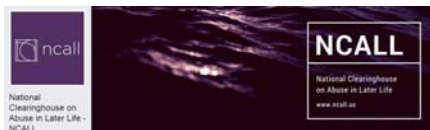


National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

Staying Connected to NCALL and Other Advocates

14

- Sign up for our newsletter: <http://oi.vresp.com/?fid=03fcc93262>
- Join our listserv for advocates serving older survivors: ncall@ncall.us
- Join us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ncall.us
- Join us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/ncall_us



National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL)

15

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life,
a project of End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin:
(Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence)

www.ncall.us | ncall@ncall.us

608-255-0539



National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life