
Strength, Safety and Support: Addressing Abuse in Later Life among Latin@ Elders



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Welcome and Introductions

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National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL)

NCALL is committed to creating a world that respects the dignity of older adults and enhances the safety and quality of life of older victims and survivors of abuse. We engage communities to foster a collaborative, inclusive, survivor-centered response to abuse in later life.



Esperanza United

Esperanza United mobilizes Latinas and Latin@ communities to end domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Formerly Casa de Esperanza, Esperanza United was founded in 1982 by a small group of persevering Latinas as an emergency shelter in St. Paul, MN. We continue to ground our work in community strengths and wisdom, as we serve Latin@s locally and nationwide.



Learning Objectives

- As a result of attending this session, participants will be better able to:
 - Identify and define abuse in later life including its forms and dynamics;
 - Recognize how Latin@ elders' cultural identity shapes their experience of abuse and help-seeking;
 - Discuss strategies for effectively reaching and serving Latin@ elders who experience abuse; and
 - Implement strategies for collaborating with community partners to better serve older Latin@ adults.

Poll

- Question #1: Have you worked with older adult domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking survivors?
- Question #2: Does your organization have policies and procedures in place to meet the needs of older Latin@ survivors?

Setting the Framework

Abuse in later life is the willful abuse, neglect, abandonment or financial exploitation of an older adult that is perpetrated by someone in an ongoing trust-based relationship with the victim.



Scope of the Issue

- Many Latin@ elders may face unique circumstances, such as language barriers influencing both risk and reporting.
- Gaps in data make community engagement even more important.



Risk and Protective Factors

- **Risk:** Isolation, language barrier, dependency
- **Protective:** Social networks, faith communities, cultural values



Barriers to Seeking Help

- Language and access
- Fear of losing family connections
- Immigration or legal concerns
- Transportation and health challenges



Health Impacts

- Chronic stress and trauma
- Increased risk of illness
- Underuse of preventative care
- Language and access
- Fear of losing family connections
- Immigration or legal concerns
- Transportation and health challenges



Promising Practices

- Outreach
- Safety plans reflect the particular barriers faced by Latin@ elders as well as their risk and protective factors
- Partnerships with assisted living and clinics, faith communities
- Survivor-centered trauma informed care



Role of Providers

- Evaluate services to strengthen accessibility for older adults
 - Support training for advocates and staff on abuse in later life
 - Conduct effective outreach strategies
 - Identify warning signs of abuse
 - Ask privately and respectfully
 - Connect to trusted resources
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Community Engagement

- Charlas and Spanish language media
- Cross-sector collaboration is essential
- Question: What types of collaboration have been most helpful in your work?



Call to Action

- Abuse in later life is preventable
- Build stronger connections and referral networks
- Share resources



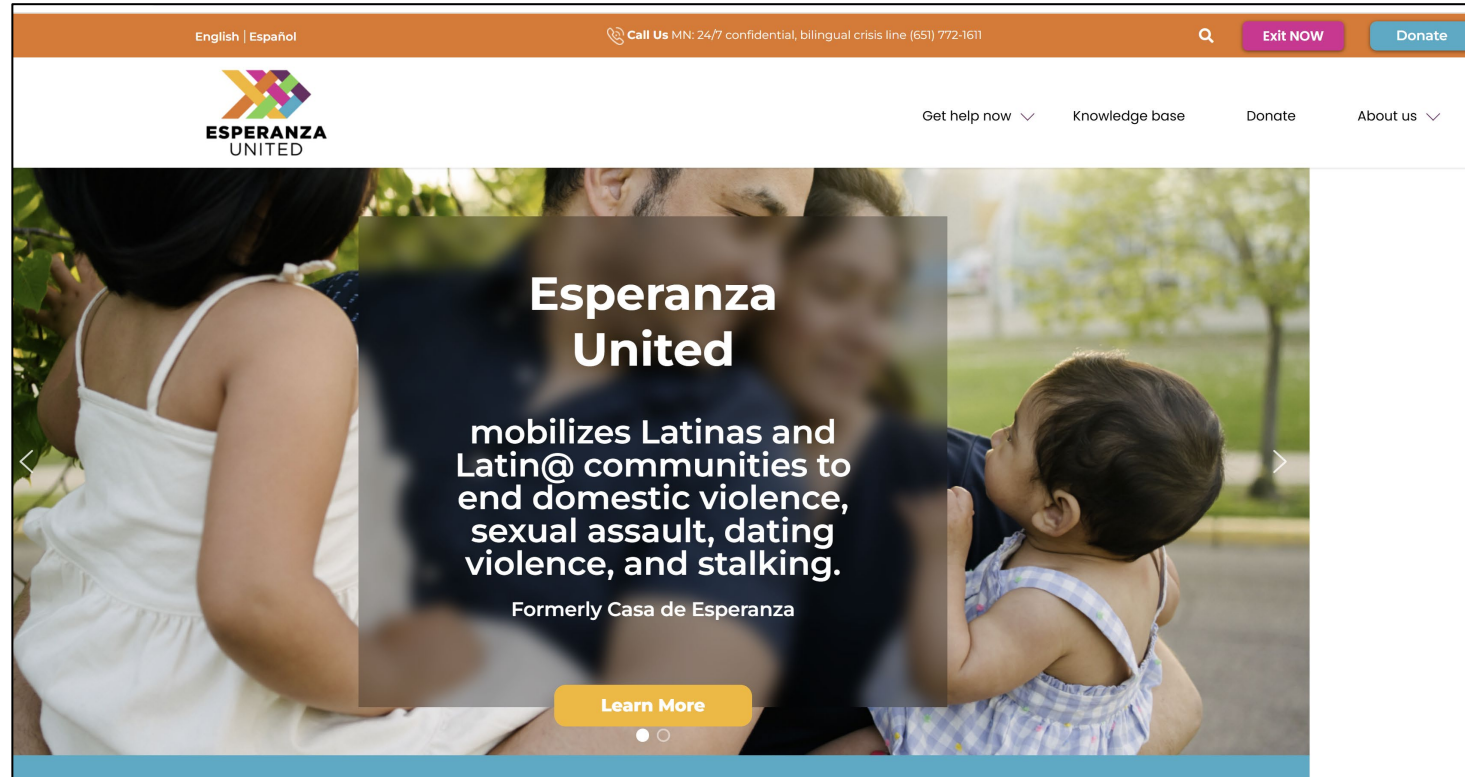
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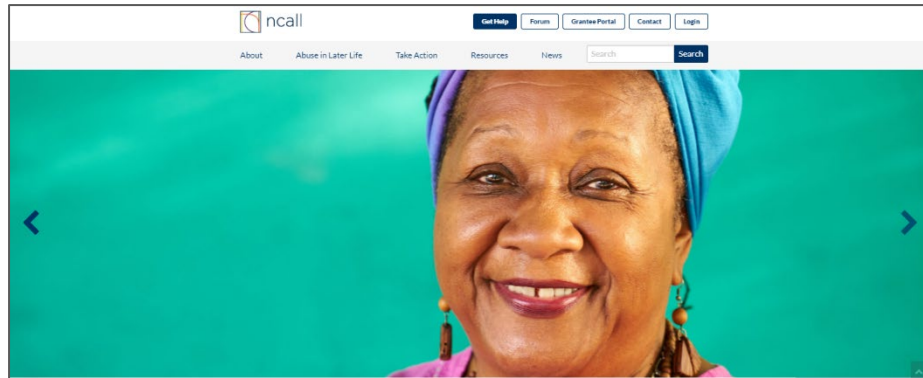
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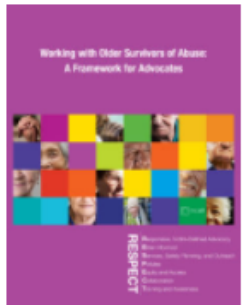
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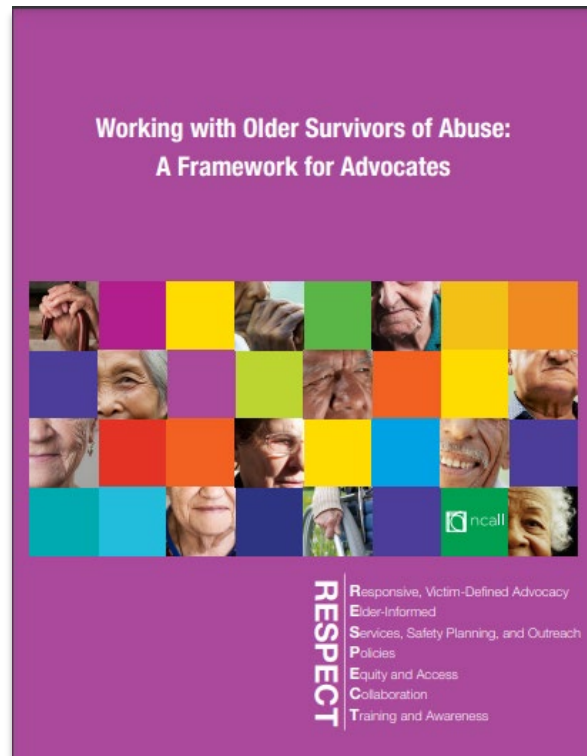
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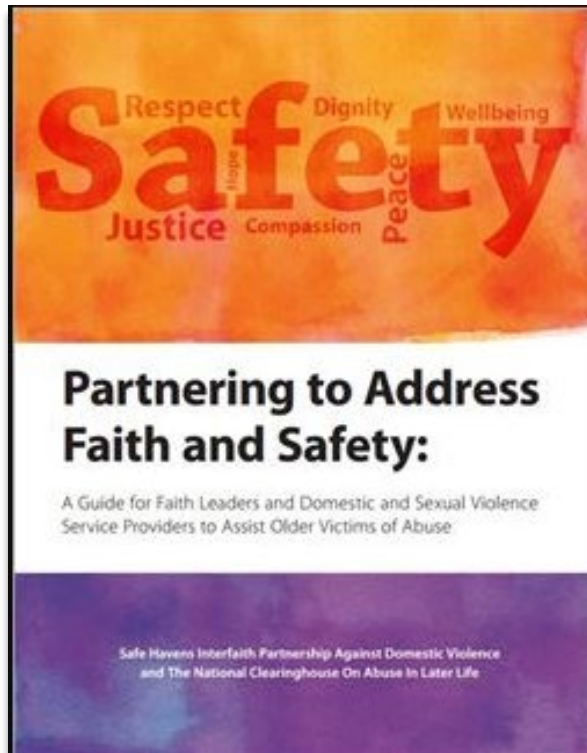
Guiding Principles for Advocates



Working With Older Survivors of Abuse: A Framework for Advocates



Working with the Faith Community



Partnering to Address Faith and Safety: A Guide for Faith Leaders and Domestic and Sexual Violence Service Providers to Assist Older Victims of Abuse



Thank You!

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