Abuse in Later Life: Cross-Training for Victim Service Providers Registration Form

Friday, July 19, 2013 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

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Are you requesting CEU Credit for this course? Are you requesting TCLEOSE Credit for this course? Yes No (Place an "X" in the box)		
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There is No Fee for Registration

Submit your registration form to Crystal Benavides by email: cbenavides@bexar.org or fax to: (210) 335-6788. If you have any questions, contact Nancy at (210) 335-7060.

Training will be held at Haven for Hope located at, 1 Haven for Hope Way, San Antonio, TX 78207. Please arrive by 7:45 am to sign in and register.

Register Today! Seating is limited to the first 60 registrants. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, July 17, 2013.

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Why Train Victim Service Providers about Abuse in Later Life?

The population of older individuals is increasing (U.S. Census, 2010). The number of referrals of elder abuse cases is also. The complexity of these cases requires a collaborative response from professionals who may not have a history of working together (Ulrey & Brandl, 2012).

Target Audience

Our focus is to provide cross-training to service providers who work with abuse in later life and elder abuse victims such as adult protective services or elder abuse workers; community-based domestic violence and sexual assault advocates, systems-based advocates, and aging network professionals. For the purposes of this training, these terms are defined below.

☐ Adult Protective Services (APS) and/or elder abuse workers:

Respond to suspected elder abuse situations, conduct investigations, and offer various interventions and services to consenting adults. Eligibility definitions for APS investigations differ by state. Some states use an age threshold, such as 60 or 65 years or older. Other states define vulnerable or at-risk adults. These workers may be called adult protective services workers, lead elder abuse staff or other titles. In this training, they are designated "APS" whatever their title in their home state.

☐ Community-based Domestic Violence Advocates:

Work in local nonprofit, nongovernmental domestic violence programs assisting victims of domestic violence and their children. Some programs operate an emergency shelter and provide additional services; others may only provide non-shelter services. Programs generally include legal advocacy, crisis intervention, safety planning, counseling, 24 hour crisis line, support groups, information, and referrals.

☐ Community-based Sexual Assault Advocates:

Work in local nonprofit, nongovernmental sexual assault programs assisting victims of sexual assault. They typically accompany and support victims through forensic medical procedures and any criminal justice system interviews, and if the victim is interested in services, will continue to support victims with post-assault recovery. In many communities, domestic violence and sexual abuse services may be provided by a single agency that offers dual services (DV and SA).

☐ Systems-based Advocates:

Typically employed by criminal justice agencies such as sheriff's departments, prosecutor's offices, and probation departments. These advocates help victims and witnesses of all types of crime by providing comprehensive assistance, including crisis intervention, resource and referral, counseling, orientation to the criminal justice system, court escort, and assistance applying to the Victims of Crime program and/or Victim Compensation Program. They may also be housed in health care settings and may help victims navigate the health care system.

☐ Aging Network Professionals:

Work in state units on aging, area agencies on aging, tribal and native service organizations, adult care centers, and other organizations focused on the needs of older adults. Aging network professionals and volunteers organize, coordinate, and provide community-based services and opportunities for older Americans (age 60+) and their families.