

# Elder Abuse and Neglect Program

## Criteria for Elder Abuse:

- \*Alleged victim is 60 years of age or older
- \*Alleged victim resides in a domestic setting
- \*There is an alleged abuser

## Illinois Statistics:

- \*42% of reports were taken on victims over the age of 81
- \*70% of victims are female, 30% of victims are male
- \*78% of the abusers are the spouse, child or other relative
- \*Financial exploitation is most frequently reported
- \*40% of the abusers reside with the victim
- \*Over 10,000 reports in Fiscal Year 2010

Source: Elder Abuse and Neglect FY 2010 Annual Report

## Definitions of Elder Abuse:

**Physical Abuse**—inflicting physical pain or injury upon an older adult

**Sexual Abuse**—touching, fondling, intercourse, or any other sexual activity with an older adult, when the older person is unable to understand, unwilling to consent, threatened or physically forced.

**Emotional Abuse**—verbal assaults, threats of abuse, harassment or intimidation.

**Confinement**—retraining or isolating an older person, other than for medical reasons.

**Passive Neglect**—the caregiver's failure to provide an older person with life's necessities, including, but not limited to, food, clothing, shelter or medical care.

**Willful Deprivation**—willfully denying an older person medication, medical care, shelter, food, a therapeutic device or other physical assistance, and thereby exposing that person to the risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm—except when the older person has expressed an intent to forego such care.

**Financial Exploitation**—the misuse or withholding of an older person's resources by another, to the disadvantage of the elderly person or the profit or advantage of someone else.

## Serving Macoupin and Christian Counties

Locust Street Resource Center  
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If you *suspect* an older adult may be a victim of elder abuse please call.

Elder Abuse Caseworkers are licensed investigators by the State of Illinois Department on Aging.

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All reports are confidential and anonymous reports are welcome.

To report Elder Abuse call Locust Street Resource Center: 800-277-7078 or  
Call the Statewide Elder Abuse Hotline: 866-800-1409