ABSTRACT SUBMISSION TEMPLATE

Title:
Current practices in addressing elder abuse in Alberta Canada- A Collaborative Community
Response

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Overview: Abstract:

The Alberta Elder Abuse Awareness Council is a group of Albertans dedicated to increasing awareness and supporting a community response to elder abuse. The AEAAC was first formed in 2002. The session would highlight the areas of work currently being done by the AEAAC.

Raising Awareness. We currently have the neighbors friends and family model of bystander training that was developed out of Western University initially for domestic violence and then modified for older adults. It has also been accommodated for culturally diverse communities. This model is used across the province to raise public awareness to the issue of elder abuse.

Staying Safe Handbook. We have provided seniors and service providers a handbook that outlines seniors who are in situations of abuse what they would need to do to leave the situation of abuse. It is also a reference guide for service providers.
Click here to view the Staying Safe: A Resource for Older Adults Living in Alberta - Digital Version

Coordinated Community Response CCR. A CCR response model is a model that involves a case manager (grant funded through the AEAAC), group of organizations and services providers working together to develop awareness and prevention strategies. It has proven to be an effective way of supporting older adults experiencing elder abuse. This overall increases the safety and wellbeing of older adults in the province.
A collective coordinated community response team, understand their community best and can provide this information to the older adult experiencing abuse. CCR's provide the older adult with easy ways to access many services without having to repeat their story. CCR's can be made up of home care, senior serving agencies, police, social worker, financial institution, seniors centers.

Case Managers- In 2021 a case manager was grant funded to support the CCR within their community. They are the link to the service providers in that community. They provide direct

services to the older adult and link them to the service needs within the CCR group or services in the community.

Safe Suites – this is a resource to older adults in rural/remote and indigenous communities. Should the older adult want to leave their current situation, the safe space can be provided by the case manager in a designated facility, typically a senior's lodge with supports.

Format:
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