

Family Violence Prevention Council

This *Speakers Bureau* provides
Presentations on Ways to Prevent Elder Abuse and Exploitation

If you have training needs or are interested in a presentation on a family violence topic that is not included in this speaker's bureau, please call the Family Violence Prevention Council at 778-2153. We are fortunate in Broome County to have a large variety of capable professionals that can tailor trainings/presentations to meet your needs. The Council office would be pleased to make appropriate suggestions in this regard.

Action for Older Persons, Inc. www.actionforolderpersons.org Contact: 722-1251

"Elder Sensitivity Training": This workshop has a three-fold purpose: (1) to build a strong commitment between community resources and service providers in networking services of the elderly; (2) to expand the sensitivity, knowledge, and skills of service providers to the older adult environment; and (3) to identify at-risk older adults and maximize use of existing community resources. Topics include: The Many Facets of Confusion; Communicating with Confused Persons; Components of Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation; What to look for; and Community Resources. Simulation activities are integral to this training.

"Perceptions of Aging": This two-part workshop includes a "Fact or Fallacy Aging Quiz" and an interactive "Perception Circles" exercise. Participants are encouraged to examine their own beliefs and perceptions about aging while relearning several aging facts to take on positive, rather than traditionally negative, images of older adults.

Adult Protective Services www.gobroomecounty.com/DSS Contact: APS Supervisor 778-2635

"Elder Abuse and the Role of Adult Protective Services": This presentation is designed to improve awareness and understanding of the complexities of identification of victims and referrals to the appropriate authorities. Topics include, "Why Victims Are Reluctant to Report", "Who Are the Abusers", "Types of Abuse" and "The Role of Adult Protective Services in NYS". The training can be tailored to different disciplines and can be delivered in anywhere from 45 minutes to 2.5 hours depending on depth of information needed.

Attorney General's Office

www.ag.ny.gov

Contact: Michael Danaher 251-2749

“Combating Against Fraud and Financial Exploitation of the Elderly”

This program is designed to identify and recognize fraud and financial exploitation and to promote awareness regarding the referral process to Protective Services, law enforcement, Attorney General and District Attorney.

Crime Victims Assistance Center

www.cvac.us

Contact: Education Coordinator, 723-3200

Trainings are developed with a specific target audience in mind and depend on the request.

Levene, Gouldin & Thompson, LLP

www.binghamtonlaw.com

Contact: Maria Motsavage

584-5639

Speakers can be arranged for the following topics:

- Estate and Long Term Care Planning
- Medicare, Medicaid, other Government benefits
- Nursing Home Care/Planning
- Supplemental Needs Trusts
- Guardianships
- Powers of Attorney
- Health Care Proxies
- Living Wills and Do Not Resuscitate Orders
- Probate
- Long Term Care Options (levels of care)

Office for Aging

www.gobroomecounty.com/senior

Contact: Lisa Schuhle 778-2922

Presentation on services and programs geared toward helping older adults stay independent by setting up community supports and acceptable housing.

Rise www.rise-ny.org

Contact: Rise 748-7453

Domestic violence affects the elderly in the following ways: financial abuse, physical abuse, neglect, emotional abuse, psychological abuse, sexual abuse, isolation and intimidation. Rise provides safe shelter and services, free of charge to elderly women who are in unhealthy relationships and are victims of domestic violence. Programs for the elderly can be presented at senior centers, churches or at special events. Educational programs are presented to agency staff meetings. Services Rise Provides: 24-hour safe emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis line, 24-hour advocacy, hospital support, weekly support groups.

Southern Tier Independence Center, www.stic-cil.org

Contact: Chad Eldred 724-2111

“Self-advocacy and Advocacy”: This presentation will introduce the audience to the concept of self-advocacy. Self-advocacy is the art and skill of speaking for oneself and making decisions and determinations that affect your loved one’s life. The foundation of advocacy is a precept that we all have the fundamental right to self-determination. Depending on the audience, this presentation can be modified for families to focus on advocating for loved ones if they are unable to adequately advocate for their own wishes. From this perspective, the presentation will address how to advocate for loved ones in a way that preserves their autonomy to the greatest degree possible while addressing their known wishes and desires.

UHS

Contact: Family Violence Prevention Council 778-2153

UHS has a physician available who can do a presentation on the indicators of elder abuse including those often seen in the medical field and how these situations can best be handled from a medical practitioner’s perspective.

Scams/Schemes/Sweepstakes

This presentation is designed to improve identification of scams/schemes/sweepstakes and other pitfalls and provide awareness of methods to report, combat or recoup losses. This program can last from 30 minutes to an hour and can be tailored to different audiences (e.g.: potential victims, caregivers, and professionals).

Reputable Home Repair and Maintenance

This presentation is designed to improve identification of methods used to locate reputable home repair and maintenance contractors; identifying warning signs and untrustworthy contractors and methods for reporting and recouping losses. This program can last from 30 minutes to an hour and can be tailored to different audiences (e.g.: potential victims, caregivers, and professionals).

Identity Theft – How do I Protect Myself

This presentation is designed to improve awareness of the many ways identity theft occurs and methods that can be utilized to protect oneself, family and friends covering everything from mail, electronic, phone, and shopping. This program can last from 30 minutes to an hour and can be tailored to different audiences (e.g.: potential victims, caregivers, and professionals).

Financial Planning – How to avoid Financial Exploitation with Proper Planning and Preparation

This presentation is designed to improve awareness of the many ways to plan and prepare for your future financial needs and independence. Learn to identifying scams and pitfalls that can affect those who do not properly prepare. With proper financial planning, you can rest comfortably knowing that when you are no longer able to make the best decisions or physically conduct your life in the way you are currently used to, your money, assets and peace of mind are safe. This program can last from 30 minutes to 1.5 hours and can be tailored to different audiences (e.g.: potential victims, caregivers, and professionals).