

The National Center on Elder Abuse reports that **one in ten** seniors are victims of elder abuse. This is likely to be an underestimation, as only **1 in 24** cases of elder abuse is reported, in part because older people are often afraid to report cases of abuse to family, friends, or to the authorities.

## Who are the abusers?

- Abusers can be men or women
- Approximately 2/3 of abusers are family members.
- Abusers can be caregivers in any setting.
- Many times, abusers have a history of alcohol, drug or other abuse, or they may suffer from mental illness.
- Abusers exert excessive control over their victims.

**The abused have a 300% higher risk of death, as a consequence of abuse. Other consequences include isolation, intimidation, mental anguish, physical pain and financial ruin.**

## There is HOPE...

- Help is available.
- The **Elder Justice Center** is a safe space for elderly victims of crime, abuse, violence and/or trauma.



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*A Community of Care, Rooted in Tradition,  
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“At Eliza Bryant Village we believe aged adults have the right to live in a safe and secure environment where they are treated with dignity and respect.”

- *Danny R. Williams,*  
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The Eliza Bryant Village Elder Justice Center provides a temporary safe space for the growing population of older adults who are experiencing some form of trauma, violence, abuse, and/or criminal victimization. To ensure clients will return to a safe environment, we will work with our community partners to connect clients and their families to legal, financial and social service supports.

## We envision a world where:

- Older adults are safe, valued and connected.
- Individuals and professionals are equipped to respond to older adults' unique strengths and vulnerabilities.
- Systems are designed to support empowered aging.
- The voices of older adults continue to inform our work.

The innovative Eliza Bryant Village Elder Justice Center is the only provider of these unique and needed services in Ohio.

## What is elder abuse?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, elder abuse is an intentional act or failure to act by a caregiver or another person in a relationship involving an expectation of trust that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult.

**Physical:** Use of force causing pain or injury; inappropriate use of medications or physical restraints.

**Sexual:** Non-consensual sexual contact.

**Psychological:** Mistreatment that affects emotional or mental health, intimidation, threats, harassment, humiliation, isolation, or belittlement.

**Neglect:** Deprivation of food, clothing, shelter, medicine or personal hygiene. Self-neglect involves seniors or adults with disabilities who fail to meet their own essential physical, psychological or social needs, which threatens their health, safety and well-being.

**Financial Exploitation:** Misuse of money, property, or resources

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## Mission:

To provide quality services, outreach programs and a dignified, compassionate and secure living environment for seniors.

## Admission Criteria

- **62 years of age** or older
- **Experienced one or more of the following types of abuse** (physical, sexual, psychological, financial) **or is at risk** for experiencing such abuse.
- **Referred to the Elder Justice Center** by a community or governmental organization.
- **In need of a temporary safe space** and agrees to be placed in a temporary safe space.
- **Victim will not contact** alleged abuser through any form of communication during stay.
- Victim will **keep shelter location confidential**.

## SPRiNG Alliance

Shelter Partners:

Regional. National. Global

The mission of the SPRiNG Alliance is to create a network of regional elder abuse shelters and other similar service models with close working relationships, shared resources and technical assistance, common standards of excellence and a vibrant community of support.

## Support

The Elder Justice Center is funded, in part, by the Ohio Attorney General's Victims of Crime Act Fund.