

▼ WORKSHOP A ▼

Transforming the Emergency Response for Elder Abuse Victims: Part 2

Presenters: Dr. Tony Rosen and Alyssa Elman, LMSW, New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center

The session will allow for further dialogue with Dr. Rosen and Ms. Elman regarding the Vulnerable Elder Protection Team project as well as address the challenges and practical recommendations on how to improve integration of Emergency Departments into the elder abuse response in the community.

▼ WORKSHOP B ▼

Capacity & Competence

Presenters: Sharon Brangman MD, Upstate University Hospital; and Morgan Thurston Esq., Onondaga County Department of Law

A look at Capacity and Competency through the examination of medical and legal distinctions and similarities by real life case studies, court cases and statutory updates. Opportunities for questions and interaction from the audience.

▼ WORKSHOP C ▼

Thinking and Planning Ahead: Advance Preparation for Difficult Situations

Presenters: Barry Beck, LMSW, Onondaga County Dept of Adult & Long Term Care Services; Elet Callahan, Esq., New Justice Conflict Resolution Services; Kristen Campbell, LMSW, Alzheimer's Association, CNY Chapter; Mary Anne Corasaniti, MAC Consultants; and Timothy P. Crisafulli, Esq., Crisafulli Gorman, PC

Potential risks to individuals and the community from the use of motor vehicles and firearms by those with diminished capacity will be identified. Voluntary strategies for long-term safety planning will be introduced, with the goals of preserving an individual's wishes in the event that s/he is unable to express them in the future and reducing the possibility of unsafe use of a motor vehicle or firearm. Participant response and discussion will be invited.

▼ WORKSHOP D ▼

Social Isolation: How We Can Make an Impact on the Medical and Psychological Outcomes of Social Isolation, Leaving Individuals Less Vulnerable to Elder Abuse

Presenters: Officer Patricia Arnold, Camillus Police; Mary Anne Corasaniti, MAC Consulting; Lori Klivak, Ph.D., and Toma Tracy, Interfaith Works of CNY

This workshop will explain the physical and mental outcomes of social isolation and how they can result in the easy victimization of the elderly. Presenters will provide materials on assessing individual's isolation and suggestions on how to intervene and make a difference in the lives of older individuals and reduce the likelihood of exploitation and other forms of elder abuse.

▼ WORKSHOP E ▼

Medical Case Study Panel Discussion

Facilitator: Jenny Ackley, MSW, Vera House. **Presenters:** Jordan Aiello Esq., Onondaga County District Attorney's Office; Tom Burgess, Onondaga County Dept of Adult & Long Term Care Services – Adult Protective Services; A James Ciaccio, MD, FACEP, Upstate University Hospital GEM Care; Michael Close, Syracuse VA Medical Center; Cathy DeMarzo, Onondaga County Dept of Adult & Long Term Care Services – NY Connects; and Roxanne Hall Richardson RPH, Auburn Memorial Hospital

A panel of professionals will review several case studies sharing how their organizations identify elder abuse, neglect and exploitation when discovered in a medical setting; how they might address it if suspected; and what referrals might be effective. Panelists will represent Adult Protective Services, NY Connects, the VA, a District Attorney's Office, a hospital, and a pharmacy. Resource information will be provided and time will be available to interact with the panel and ask questions.

▼ WORKSHOP F ▼

Financial Exploitation Case Study Panel Discussion

Facilitator: Lori DiCaprio-Lee, Vera House. **Presenters:** Elaine Brown, ACMG Federal Credit Union; Melanie Carden Esq., Onondaga County District Attorney's Office; Karen Webber CPA CFE, Webber CPA, PLLC; Scott Kapral CFE, BNY Mellon; Natalie Roane, Onondaga County Dept of Adult & Long Term Care Services – Adult Protective Services and JoAnne Spoto Decker MA, Onondaga County Dept of Adult & Long Term Care Services – Office for Aging

A panel of professionals will review several case studies sharing how their organizations identify elder abuse, neglect and exploitation when discovered in a financial setting; how they might address it if suspected; and what referrals might be effective. Panelists will represent Adult Protective Services, Office for Aging, a District Attorney's Office, a financial institution, a forensic accountant and law enforcement. Resource information will be provided and time will be available to interact with the panel and ask questions.

▼ WORKSHOP G ▼

What Should I Do? Can Ethical Considerations Help Us Deal with Elder Abuse in the Absence of Legal Guidance?

Presenters: Gregory Eastwood, MD, SUNY Upstate Department of Bio-Ethics; Morgan Thurston Esq., Onondaga County Dept of Law

New York State is the only state that does not mandate reporting of Elder Abuse. These are challenges for all professionals when deciding the next step. Hesitancy to act can be rooted in "Am I doing the right thing?", "Is what is happening really happening?", "What if I am wrong?" Presenters will guide participants with an ethical analysis of what to do when the path is not clear. The interaction between Adult Protective Services and the medical and financial fields will be discussed.

▼ WORKSHOP H ▼

Collaborative Approach: The Impact of Forensic Accounting on Cases of Financial Exploitation

Presenters: Betsy Ferner, LMSW, Vera House and Karen Webber CPA CFE, Webber CPA, PLLC

The workshop will look at how a multi-disciplinary approach to elder abuse can benefit clients & service providers. Participants will "work" real cases of exploitation and get hands on experience using the Financial Exploitation Investigative Suite of Tools (FEIST), which was piloted by Onondaga County Adult Protective Caseworkers and is now available across the State.

▼ WORKSHOP I ▼

Elder Abuse 101: A Social Justice Issue

Presenter: Jenny Ackley, MSW, Vera House

This workshop will examine a variety of topics related to elder abuse, neglect and exploitation including why elder abuse is a social justice issue, types of abuse, indicators, and dynamics. Community resources will be highlighted.

▼ WORKSHOP J ▼

Dynamics in Caregiving

Presenters: Judith Huober, MA, Syracuse Jewish Family Service; and Kristen Campbell, LMSW, Alzheimer's Association, CNY Chapter

This workshop will address some of the concerns which can ignite challenging dynamics in caregiving. The presenters will provide insights and tools to enhance communication and foster collaboration among care team members. Attendees will receive information about local supports to effectively navigate care planning in a way that engages and empowers older adults. Interactive case scenarios will provide an opportunity to discuss real-life challenges.

▼ WORKSHOP K ▼

Cultural Competency: Things you need to know when working with the Refugee and Immigrant community

Presenters: Haji Adan and Dadhi Dahal, Refugee & Immigrant Self-Empowerment (RISE)

With over 10,000 refugees in the Syracuse area, it is critical for service providers to learn more about their experiences to better meet their needs. Hear how one local program (RISE) works with refugees in our community. Presenters will provide a more in depth review of the Somali and Bhutanese cultures and will share their thoughts on how elder abuse may present itself in those communities.

▼ WORKSHOP L ▼

Depression Among Elder Abuse Victims: Screening and Treatment

Presenter: Jo Anne Sirey, Ph.D, Weill Cornell Institute of Geriatric Psychiatry

In this workshop we will review the implementation of screening for depression (PHQ-9) among elder abuse victims and the integration of a brief treatment for depression (PROTECT). Data will be presented on rates of depression using the screening tool in New York City. We will also briefly describe the brief therapy being offered to support depressed victims and its impact.