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*ABUSE IN LATER LIFE EDUCATION SERIES FOR ADVOCATES:*  
**OVERVIEW**

Module 1

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

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## Office on Violence Against Women Abuse in Later Life Program

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## As a Result of This Training, Participants Will Be Better Able to:

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- Define why advocates must address abuse in later life
- Identify NCALL resources for advocates on working with older survivors

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## Why Focus on Abuse in Later Life



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## You Have the Tools You Need!

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- Victim-defined advocacy framework
- Expertise with abuse and trauma
- Free and confidential services, safety planning and advocacy



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10,000 Americans turn 65 every day.

Acerno, et al., (2010).

Older women comprise more than half (55.8%) of the adult population age 65 and older.

United States Census Bureau, (2012).

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Racial and ethnic minority populations have increased from 5.7 million in 2000 (16.3% of the elderly population) to 8.5 million in 2011 (21% of the elderly). They are projected to increase to 20.2 million in 2030 (28% of the elderly).

Administration on Aging. (2012).



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1 in 10 community-residing older adults reported experiencing elder abuse in the past year.

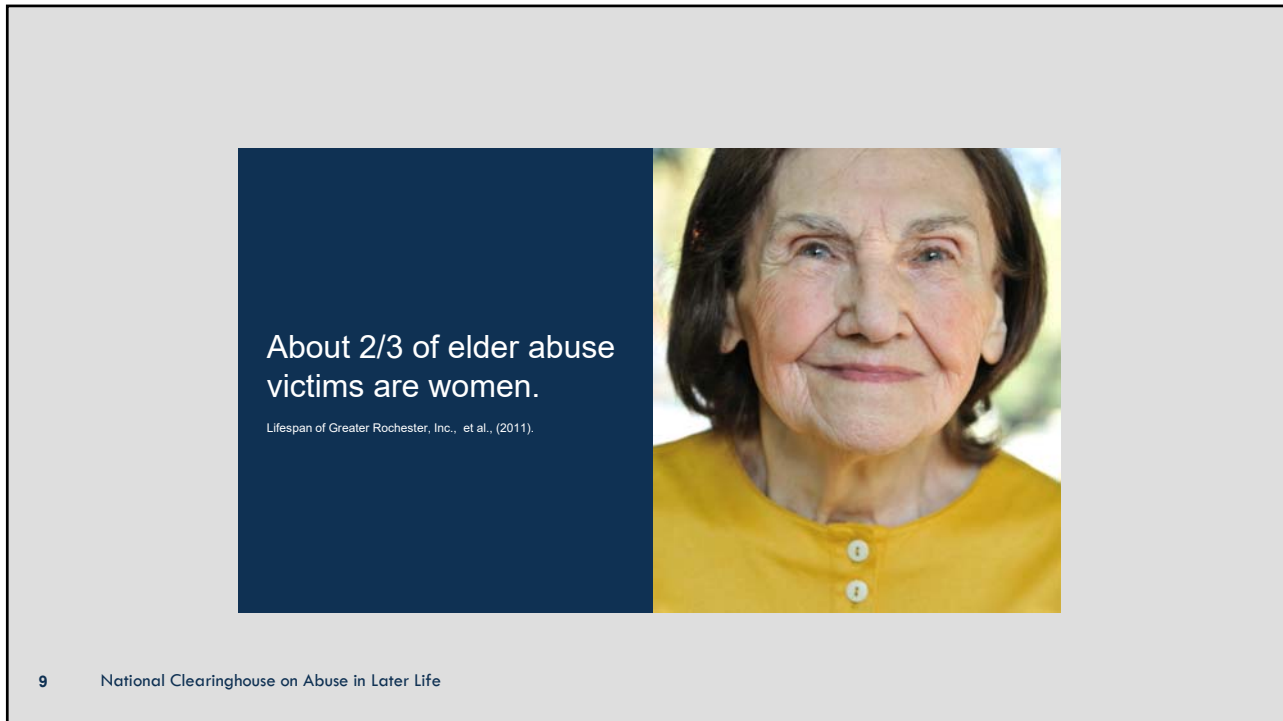
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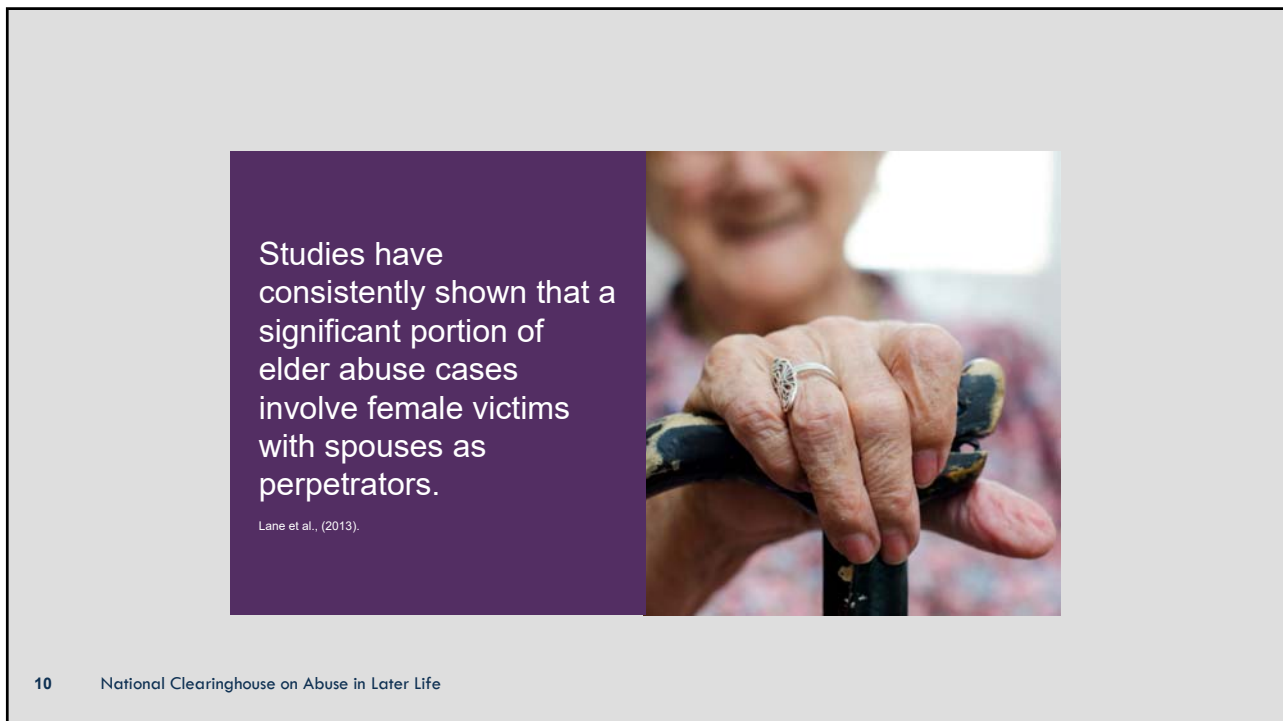
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About 2/3 of elder abuse victims are women.

Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc., et al., (2011).

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Studies have consistently shown that a significant portion of elder abuse cases involve female victims with spouses as perpetrators.

Lane et al., (2013).

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### Power and Control

- Adult children and grandchildren
- Other family members
- Caregivers

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In the community, older victims of sexual abuse were violated most often by spouses/partners.

Acierno, et al., (2010).

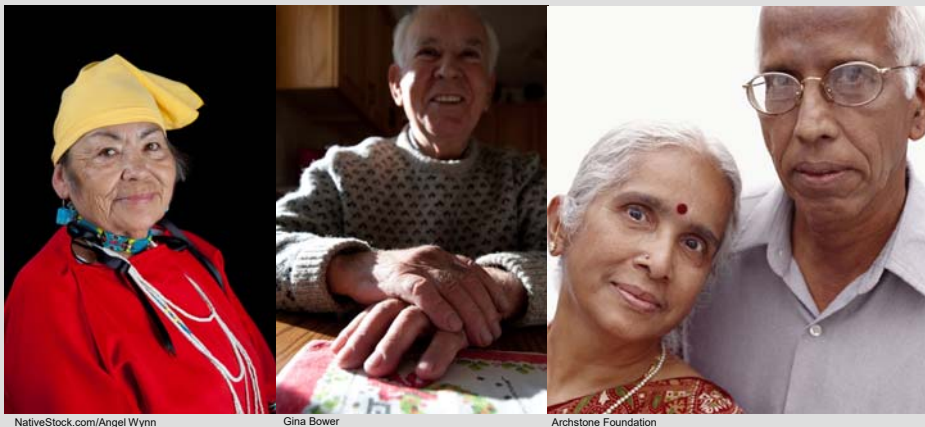
In facilities, employees responsible for care (43%) or other residents (41%) were most likely offenders.

Ramsey-Klawnsnik, et al., (2008).

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Elders who experienced abuse, even modest abuse, had a 300% higher risk of death when compared to those who had not been abused.

Dong, et al. (2009)



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## Working with Older Survivors of Abuse: A Framework for Advocates

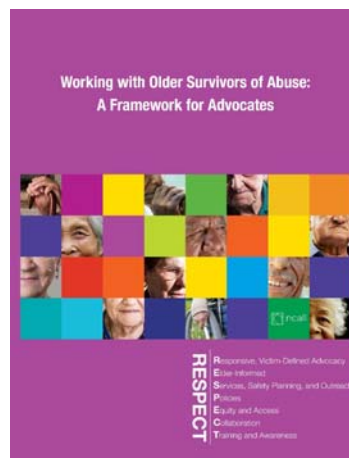


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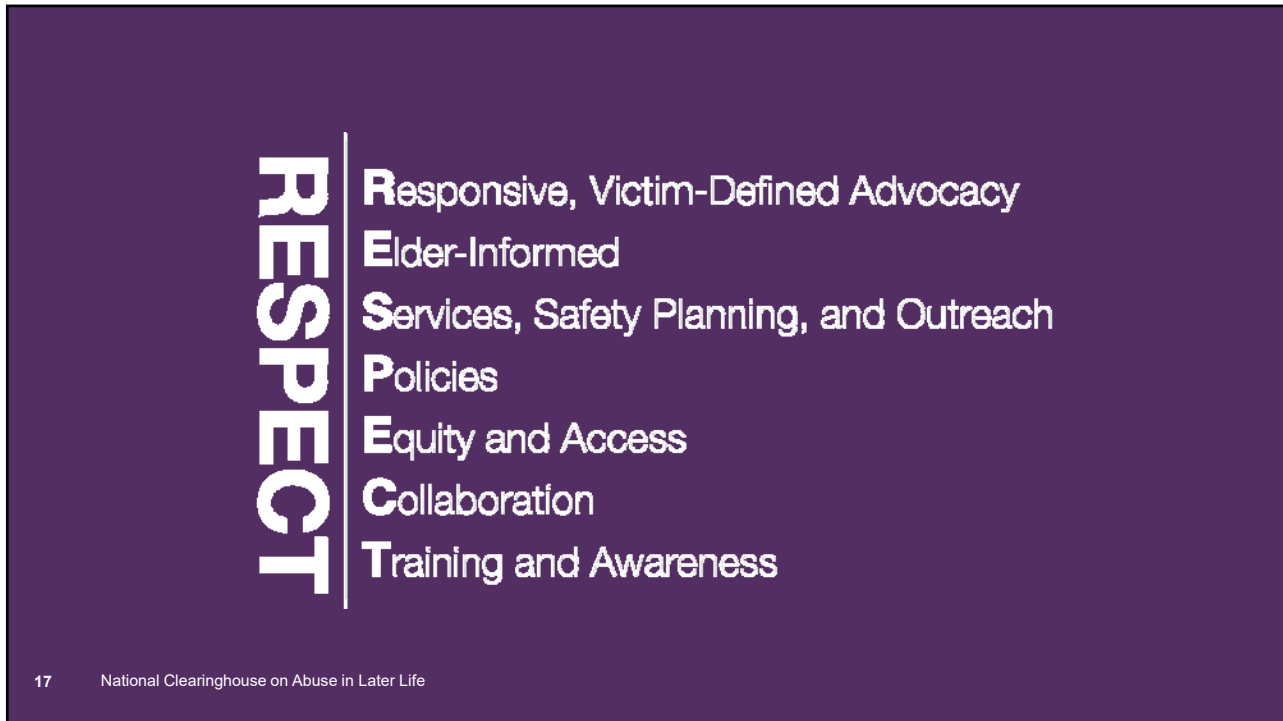
## Summary Report

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**R**esponsive, Victim-Defined Advocacy  
**E**lder-Informed  
**S**ervices, Safety Planning, and Outreach  
**R**espect Policies  
**E**quity and Access  
**C**ollaboration  
**T**raining and Awareness

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## Guiding Our Work

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- **A guiding principle** “guides an organization throughout its life in all circumstances, irrespective of changes in its goals, strategies, type of work, or the top management.”
- **Minimum guidelines** “recommend practices that allow some discretion or leeway in interpretation, implementation, or use.”
- **Practice strategies** are practical suggestions for how to implement the guiding principles and minimum guidelines.

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## *Working with Older Survivors of Abuse: A Framework for Advocates – Toolkit*

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- The guiding principles summary report (completed)
- Abuse in Later Life Education Series for Advocates: webinars and worksheets (phase one completed)
- Training modules for advocates to use when training others
- Materials for OVW TA providers and state coalitions

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## Modules: Dynamics

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- Overview
- Defining Elder Abuse and Abuse in Later Life
- Intimate Partner Violence in Later Life
- Sexual Abuse in Later Life
- Stalking in Later Life
- Economic Abuse and Financial Exploitation in Later Life
- Neglect, Self-Neglect and the Role of Adult Protective Services
- Power and Control Tactics and the Role of Caregiver Stress

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## Modules: Victim-Defined Advocacy and Elder Informed

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- Victim-Defined Advocacy
- Trauma and Historical Trauma
- Trauma-Informed Approaches
- Mandatory Reporting
- Elder-Informed Approach

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## Subject Matter Experts

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| □ Alice Ghareib       | □ Juanita Davis    |
| □ Alicia Aikens       | □ Karla Vierthaler |
| □ Amy Judy            | □ LaTrice Hogan    |
| □ Ann Turner          | □ Nadia Fiorini    |
| □ Anne Menard         | □ Rebecca Henry    |
| □ Bobbie Sackman      | □ Ricker Hamilton  |
| □ Bonnie Brandl       | □ Risa Breckman    |
| □ Deborah Holt Knight | □ Sue Hall Dreher  |
| □ Diane Slezak        | □ Vicki Ybanez     |
| □ Evelyn Laureano     |                    |

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## In Memory of Amy Judy

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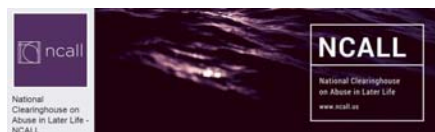


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## Staying Connected to NCALL and Other Advocates

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- Sign up for our newsletter: <http://oi.vresp.com/?fid=03fcc93262>
- Join our listserv for advocates serving older survivors: [ncall@ncall.us](mailto:ncall@ncall.us)
- Join us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ncall.us](http://www.facebook.com/ncall.us)
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