



NCALL Resource List: Selected DVDs on Elder Abuse

In Their Own Words: Domestic Abuse in Later Life (2010)

Various segments of different lengths

This two-DVD package and training guide uses the voices of older victims to facilitate a dialog among a range of professionals about the dynamics of abuse, the barriers these victims have to overcome to live free from abuse, and interventions and potential collaborations that may be effective in such cases. In addition to individual segments with victims, family members, victim service providers, and allied professionals, the DVDs include several topical segments and a montage of victim and advocate voices designed for use by policymakers. It also includes an interactive role play between a parish nurse and an adult daughter caring for her father intended to help professionals recognize justifications for elder mistreatment. A trainer's guide, which accompanies these DVDs, provides background on the victims and discussion questions targeted at a variety of professional audiences. Produced by NCALL, Terra Nova Films and Office of Victims of Crime.

To order contact Office of Victims of Crime at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/>

Responding to Elder Abuse: What Community Corrections Should Know (2010)

17 minutes

This video is one of a series of three DVDs on elder abuse created for specific audiences. The video provides community corrections professionals with the information they need to help identify and respond to elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation they may encounter in their work with offenders. It includes basic information about what to consider when placing offenders in residential situations, communicating effectively with older victims, following mandatory reporting laws, and working collaboratively with other organizations. A discussion guide accompanies this series.

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Responding to Elder Abuse: What Judges and Court Personnel Should Know (2010)

14 minutes

This video is one of a series of three DVDs on elder abuse created for specific audiences. The video highlights critical issues for judges and court personnel to consider when they encounter abused, neglected, and exploited older persons participating in the judicial system. The video illustrates what judges may face in these situations, offers recommendations focused on the special needs of older abuse victims, and highlights examples of successful court-based elder abuse initiatives. A discussion guide accompanies this series.

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Responding to Elder Abuse: What Law Enforcement Should Know (2010)

15 minutes

This video is one of a series of three DVDs on elder abuse created for specific audiences. The video describes what law enforcement officers can do when they encounter elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation in residences, nursing homes, or other long-term care facilities. It includes basic information about locating appropriate referral resources for intervention and support for the older abuse victim, following mandatory reporting laws, and working collaboratively with other organizations. A discussion guide accompanies this series.

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A Mother Never Gives Up Hope: Older Mothers and Abusive Adult Sons (2009)

42 minutes (several separate segments)

This DVD shares the candid and powerful stories of Ruth, Lova, Anne, and Rita—four women who are dealing with abuse at the hands of an adult son. In their own words, they work through the emotions and pain of experiencing abuse from their sons, the life-changing impact it makes on them as a person and how it affects their mother-son relationships. The video also gives a “two year progression” window in which the women look back on how they have adapted or changed as a result of the abuse—one takes back her own personal power, another feels “re-victimized” by the system for not being able to maintain a relationship with her son. Both emotional and empowering, the stories provide firsthand insight on how advocates can better assist other survivors of this under-reported form of elder abuse. Produced by NCALL and Terra Nova Films

To order contact Terra Nova Films at <http://www.terranova.org>.

An Age for Justice (2009)

16 minutes

An Age for Justice is a short documentary that brings you into the homes of courageous American elder to hear their poignant and real stories about abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation they have experienced. This intimate story reveals a hidden crisis harming older Americans in every community across the country. Produced by the National Council on Aging and WITNESS.

Available at www.witness.org/store.

Martha's Story: A Lifetime of Walking on Eggshells (2006)

15 minutes

Touching and intensely personal, this is *Martha's Story* of 'emancipation' from Jim, her abusive husband of 51 years, 5 months, 3 days, and 1 hour. The video chronicles the gradual progression of the abuse—the control, the isolation from family and friends, the constant threats, and intimidation, the public cover up of the abuse—and finally, Martha's finding the courage to reach out for help.

In her own words, in her own memories, Martha's hindsight on her 51 years of abuse is hard won and honest, and as much a catharsis for herself as a clarion call for other abuse victims to realize that there is a way out of their abusive situation. Produced by: Elder Abuse Institute of Maine.

To order contact Terra Nova Films at <http://www.terranova.org>

The Dance© and Nuestro Baile (the Spanish version with English subtitles) (2002)

24 minutes

These compelling educational videos were produced by the Area Agency on Aging, Region One, in collaboration with the Maricopa Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance. They help older women understand domestic violence and its demoralizing impact on their lives. They also convey a powerful message to younger victims: without intervention, domestic violence can last a lifetime. This video tells the story of an older battered woman remembering the years of abuse she suffered and her efforts to find help.

To order The Dance© and/or Nuestro Baile, go to www.dovesprogram.org or by call the Area Agency on Aging at (602) 264-2255 or toll-free at (888) 783-7500.

Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence in Later Life (2000)

25 minutes

This educational video will help law enforcement professionals understand how to:

- properly interview older victims (and alleged abusers)
- collect physical evidence
- gather and interpret information
- build a credible court case even if the victim recants
- explain the legal and protective services available to victims

Using a re-enactment case scenario, the video creates awareness of many factors specific to elder abuse, including, differences in an older person's physical body, levels of cognizance, existing medical conditions, and heightened levels of fear. The video also covers the various forms abuse can take physical, verbal, and financial as well as, less obvious forms, such as, psychological and sexual. Produced by NCALL.

To order contact Terra Nova Films at <http://www.terranova.org>.

What's Age Got to Do With It? (2005)

14 minutes

The abuse of women does not stop or 'get better' with age—in fact, it often gets worse in later life. *What's Age Got to Do with It* is a riveting video that brings the often-overlooked issue of abuse and violence against older women to the forefront. The video addresses the verbal, physical, sexual, and financial abuse that many older women face from spouses, adult children, and other family members. It looks at the manner in which emotional and psychological abuse erode feelings of self-worth over time, and documents the fact that domestic violence in later years is usually a continuation of long-term abuse.

Through several powerful, culturally-diverse vignettes, the video identifies some of the issues and situations that prevent older women from seeking help, including:

- language barriers
- cultural taboos
- lack of economic resources
- geographic isolation

Produced by kineticvideo.com

To order contact Terra Nova Films at <http://www.terranova.org>.

Breaking Point (1995)

20 minutes

This provocative 20-minute video documents the story of Nancy, a formerly abusive daughter, as she talks candidly about her repeated abuse of her invalid mother. As Nancy relates her story, a sensitive and emotional portrayal emerges. Through therapy and soul searching, Nancy eventually comes to terms with what she has done and acquires an understanding of how the abuse might have been avoided. *Breaking Point* provides insights which will provoke discussion and introspection. Produced by Wise Owl Productions, Inc.

To order contact Terra Nova Films at <http://www.terranova.org>.

Financial Abuse Specialist Team (F.A.S.T.) (2003)

30 minutes

Elder financial abuse is becoming more and more prevalent as the population ages and there is a greater concentration of wealth among older people. A rapid response to suspected cases of elder financial abuse is important. This video highlights the FAST team in Santa Clara County.

To order go to:

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/App/Search/SearchResults.aspx?txtKeywordSearch=Financial+Abuse+Specialist+team+video&fromSearch=1>

Restoring the Sacred Circle (2002)

30 minutes

This video illustrates via scenarios, visual descriptions, and interviews the factors contributing to elder abuse in American Indian Communities and presents ideas on addressing the problems through a multi disciplinary effort. Produced by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Seniors and People with Disabilities,

To order go to <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/spwpd/abuse/videos.shtml>

Roll Call: Elder Abuse (2002)

14 minutes

Hosted by Gary Farmer, this is a companion video to “*Restoring the Sacred Circle.*” *Roll Call: Elder Abuse* illustrates via several scenarios the various types of abuse. The video is directed toward Tribal law enforcement officers, but useful for anyone working with American Indian Communities. Produced by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Seniors and People with Disabilities.

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Roll Call: Elder Abuse (2002)

14 minutes

This video has similar content but a different script and host from the video listed above. This video is for law enforcement officers and it illustrates via several scenarios the various types of abuse. Produced by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Seniors and People with Disabilities

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Escaping the Shadows: Identifying and Assisting Victims of Elder Domestic Abuse (1999)

20 minutes

This training video was created by the Rural Victimization Project of the Institute for Family Studies of the College of Social Work in Florida as part of the *Domestic Abuse in Later Life: A Competency-Based Training for Meals on Wheels Volunteers and Other Elder Services Staff*. Created specifically for human services professionals in the aging field, the video will help elder services staff and volunteers identify and assist victims of elder domestic abuse who might have otherwise gone unnoticed.

To order: Contact the Institute for Family Violence Studies, College of Social Work in Tallahassee, FL at (850)644-6303 or visit their website at <http://familyvio.csw.fsu.edu/elderly.php>

Serving the Victim of Elder Abuse (1998)

21 minutes

This video demonstrates how a team of professionals from diverse disciplines works together to resolve complex cases of elder abuse. Team members from the fields of mental health, adult protection, financial management, civil law, geriatric medicine, and law enforcement share their perspective on abuse cases and offer suggestions for interviewing effectively. Produced by San Francisco Institute on Aging Goldman Institute on Aging.

To order contact Terra Nova Films at <http://www.terranoval.org>.

I'd Rather Be Home (1997)

30 minutes

This video follows, over a period of seven years, the case of Norman, an older man repeatedly abused by one of his adult sons. The son lives at home (along with Norman's wife and other adult son). Since Norman is unwilling to take legal action, the situation seesaws for years with Norman leaving home for short periods of time and then returning, hoping his son will change. Eventually, after a severe beating, Norman ends up in a nursing home, has a mild stroke and is placed under state guardianship. Produced by Terra Nova Films, Inc.

To order contact Terra Nova Films at <http://www.terranoval.org>.

The Golden Years (1994)

6 minutes

Three survivors of elder mistreatment take the viewer deep into the emotional nightmare of abuse: physical, financial, and psychological. Intercut with statistics about elder abuse, this video is a dynamic tool for introducing the topic and phenomenon of elder mistreatment in our society. Produced by "You Have the Power."

To order contact Terra Nova Films at <http://www.terranoval.org>.

A Safer Place (1992)

20 minutes

This documentary about elder abuse was sponsored by the Illinois Department on Aging as the centerpiece of its first ever public service campaign devoted exclusively to elder abuse. One of the subjects in the film is a woman who openly admits to having abused her aged mother before she sought help and counseling. The film also features two older adults who are survivors of abuse, who with the help of several social service agencies, have moved on to better lives for themselves. Produced by Illinois Department of Aging.

To order contact Terra Nova Films at <http://www.terranovalive.org>.

Just to Have a Peaceful Live (1990)

10 minutes

This video profiles a woman who was married to an abusive husband for 45 years. She had five children who were also routinely abused by the husband. She left her husband three times when the children were small only to return because of financial need. She kept hoping he would mellow as he got older, but finally left him again at age 61 only to soon return again because of health problems. She died at age 63 without ever achieving the peaceful life she longed for. Produced by Terra Nova Films, Inc.

To order contact Terra Nova Films at <http://www.terranovalive.org>.

Elder Abuse: Five Case Studies (1990)

40 minutes

This video explores the issues of family abuse against an older adult very personally from the point of view of five different victims. Their candor in telling about their situation gives the viewer insight into the ambivalent feeling of older abuse victims as they try to find resolution to their pain. In the context of their struggle we also see the various interventions that can be used to help stop the abuse, including counseling, shelters, supportive services, and legal action. Each of the cases in this video is real—not reenacted—and has been tracked over a period of time. Produced by Terra Nova Films, Inc.

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For additional videos on aging and working with older adults, see Terra Nova Films at www.terranovalive.org.