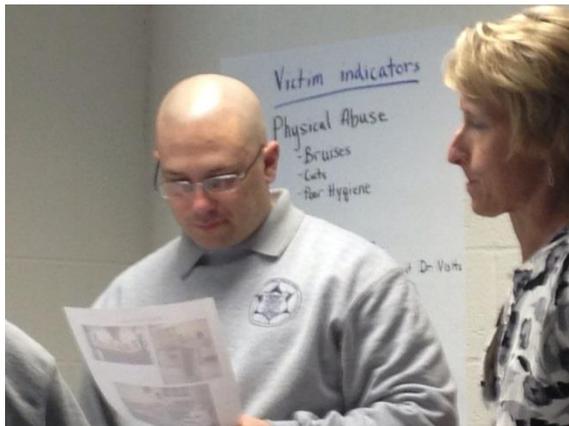


Elder Abuse: Holding Offenders Accountable

Training Law Enforcement Officers How to Recognize and Investigate Elder Abuse:



On March 13th and 20th, 2013 Bay County Law Enforcement Officers attended the Elder Abuse Training for Law Enforcement at the Region VII Area on Aging Office to enhance their ability to recognize elder abuse and hold offenders accountable. The Bay County Division on Aging was able to provide the training as a result of An Elder Program Grant awarded from the

Department of Justice through the Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against Women in Later Life.

A total of 44 police officers from agencies across Bay County and 30 Delta College police recruits received training on elder abuse dynamics, statutes and legal remedies, response and investigation, domestic violence, sexual abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation in later life. Participants also received a new reference guide entitled, "Bay County Elder Abuse Victim Services On-scene Legal Resource Guide". This was a collaborative effort among the Bay Area Women's Center, the Bay County Division on Aging, Bay County Executive, Bay County Prosecutor, Bay County Sheriff's Offices, the Department of Human Services, Bay, Arenac, and Gladwin Counties and Region VII Area Agency on Aging.

Speakers for the program received training from the National Center on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL). Speakers were: Detective Matt Pett, Bay County





Sheriff's Office, Chris Shores, Worker, Adult Protective Services, Jeanne Yonke, Bay Area Women's Center, Megan Kiser, Region VII Area Agency on Aging, Barbara Hayward, Bay County Prosecutor's Office, and Mike Shores, Deputy, Bay County Sheriff's Office.

Partners in this grant include: the Bay Area Women's Center, Bay County: Executive, Sheriff and Prosecutor's Offices, Michigan Department of Human Services, Bay, Arenac, Gladwin Counties and Region VII Area Agency on Aging. For more information contact Tammy Roehrs at (989) 895-4100 or roehrst@baycounty.net.

Elder Abuse Task Force Receives 2012 Human Services Collaborative Council Award

Bay City, MI, January 16, 2013: The Bay Human Services Collaborative Council, the State endorsed Community Collaborative Body for Bay County announced the winner of their 2012 Outstanding Collaboration Award at the State of Human Services Breakfast at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center today. This group of health and human services leaders accepts nominations for examples of outstanding, creative and innovative collaborative projects among health and human services organizations each year.



HSCC Chairperson Roger Pickering, Director of Special Projects at Lutheran Child and Family Services presented the award to Ron Lemmon,

Chairperson of the Bay County Elder Abuse Task Force, and General Services Program Manager at Bay County Department of Human Services. Roger highlighted the work of the 2012 Recipient The Bay County Elder Abuse Task Force: "The Bay County Senior Task Force, established an Elder Abuse Task Force in order to address the growing problem of abuse and exploitation of older adults in Bay County. Through their efforts in partnership with a vast array of governmental, judicial, law enforcement, adult protective services and nonprofit health and human services providers they were able to secure a three year \$385,000 federal grant from the Department of Justice under the Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women Later in Life. Not only has this grant allowed for successful expansion of community partnerships, it has established a team that will work to prevent and effectively respond to elder abuse in our community."

Mr. Lemmon accepted the award on behalf of the partnership, quoting Pearl S. Buck: "Our society must make it right and possible for old people not to fear the young or be deserted by them, for the test of a civilization is the way that it cares for its helpless members." Mr. Lemmon expressed gratitude to the collaborative partners: Department of Human Services, The Bay County Executive, Division on Aging, Health Department, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Probate Court, Bay Area Women's Center, Local Law Enforcement, Region VII Area Agency on Aging, PNC Bank, Bay Arenac Behavioral Health, Bay Medical Care Facility and Huron Woods Nursing Center for their dedication to protecting Seniors in Bay County. Mr. Lemmon lauded the work of the partners and emphasized that "the award of the Federal Justice Department grant further enhances the efforts in protecting one of Bay County's most precious resources, our senior population."

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