

# RESTORING LIVES

A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO BRIDGING THE GAP  
BETWEEN PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND THE HEALING  
PROCESS

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# Restoring Lives

People who fleece elders also steal their lives,  
their feelings of safety, self-worth and well-  
being

But these can all be restored

# Stages of Recovery

For any abuse victim, the process of recovery can be divided into three stages:

1. Discovery
2. Intervention
3. Healing

# Jack Baxter

Fleeced by phone investment advisor

Theft was discovered after his hospitalization  
for a fall

# Jack Baxter

Jack lost function due to depression, shock  
and shame

He nearly died

This is a common pattern

# Talking Points

Ways to start a healing process during discovery phase:

- This is not your fault.
- Help is available.
- Society knows how to fix these problems.

# More Talking Points

- Who are you?
- Tell me about your life

# Intervention

Several crucial steps need to be taken here

Appointment of a fiduciary; family, public or professional

Ideally potential fiduciary should be established in the discovery phase



# More Intervention Steps

Restoration/preservation of assets

Establishment of a secure living situation

Home or care placement?

# Essentials

A supportive social life is crucial, as is weaning the victim from social dependence on the perpetrator

# Types of Perpetrators

Opportunistic; family or friends

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Predatory; the fake investment advisor, “new best friend,” or younger love interest

# Healing is a Long Term Process

Supplemental therapies such as art and music  
are useful

ex. Jack baked cookies

# Healing

When the pieces come together

Restoration of assets, self worth and joy in life

“I’m the luckiest guy alive!”